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'Fund lifespan likely beyond 2014'

» Due to lower drawdowns, improved cash flow in last 6 months

By MONETH G. DEPOSA moneth_deposa@saipantribune.com REPORTER

n the last six months, the NMI Retirement Fund has noted a significant improvement in its cash flow, which could help extend its lifespan beyond 2014, according to Fund trustee ad litem Joseph Razzano.



Above, retiree Sam McPhetres raises his concerns to Fund officials and government representatives during Wednesday night's meeting at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium that was attended by nearly 200 retirees and active members. Left photo shows Fund trustee ad litem Joseph Razzano, second from left, responding to Fund members' questions. With him are, from left, Commonwealth Retirees Association chair Larry Cabrera, assistant attorney general Reena Patel, acting Fund administrator Lillian Pangelinan, and Fund legal counsel Viola Alepuyo.



Speaking before hundreds of retirees and active members of the pension program Wednesday night, Razzano said the low drawdowns made on the Fund's investments, combined with consistent remittances from the central government, are creating some progress in the program's financial situation.

He pointed out that the CNMI government now provides not only timely payments but full contributions as well.

It was disclosed that the Fund posted its lowest drawdown this month at \$1.65 million for the June 15 payouts. This is far lower than the \$4 million withdrawn in October last year.

The Fund's investment portfolio is currently valued at over \$300 million.

Razzano said the increased collection is mainly due to the large payments received from the government but not from autonomous agencies, which have accumulated about \$62 million in out-

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Inos echoes optimism about Fund

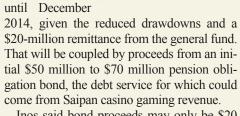
By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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REPORTER

Taking an optimistic stance, Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday that the NMI Retirement Fund's lifespan

will last at least



>> Casino rev-

enue eyed for

\$50M-\$70M

debt service

initial POB

Inos said bond proceeds may only be \$20 million to \$40 million.

An earlier estimate stated that the Fund will cease to exist by March 2014.

The governor's message yesterday and on Tuesday: The Saipan casino gaming bill, if signed into law, will

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US Labor weighs NMI's transition extension request

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

The U.S. Department of Labor is now weighing the CNMI's request to extend by five years the federalization transition, which is supposed to end on Dec. 31, 2014. Without an extension, the CNMI will lose access to over 12,000 foreign workers it relies on to help run the local economy.

Although U.S. Labor has yet to decide whether to grant the request, the department said it fully understands the importance of this issue to the CNMI people.

Dr. James H. Moore Jr., deputy assistant secretary for policy at U.S. Labor, responded in late May

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Seller of pirated software is sentenced to 12 years

>> Website operator

By MARTYN WILLIAMS

The operator of a website that sold more than \$100 million worth of pirated software to customers worldwide was sentenced Tuesday to 12 years in a U.S. federal prison.

Li Xiang, a 36-year-old resident of Chengdu, China, was convicted of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and criminal copyright infringement for operating the website crack99. com, according to a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement statement.

2011 by U.S. agents when they lured him to

a meeting on Saipan where he believed he was delivering 20 gigabytes of data to the representatives of U.S. businessmen. Saipan is part of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and is a commonwealth of the United States.

Li's website specialized in offering copies of industrial software which had the access control or licensing files removed or circumvented.

The specific software titles sold by Li were not detailed in the statement but characterized as those for aerospace simulation and design, defense, electronics, energy, engineering, explosives simulation, intelligence gathering, manufacturing, mining, space exploration, mathematics, storm water management and manufacturing plant design.

In other words, they were considerably more specialized than the typical cracked software fare of Windows 7 and Photoshop.

The \$100 million in revenue was achieved with 700 transactions to just 400 customers an average sale price of over \$140,000 per transaction.

Some of his customers were in countries under U.S trade embargo for such software products while others were agents of foreign governments and U.S. government contractors holding security clearances. The use of cracked software for classified projects can be particularly problematic because of the possibility that software back doors were introduced to the products when they were cracked. Typically, they also won't receive necessary security patches.

Among Li's customers named by ICE were a NASA elec-He was arrested in June tronics engineer who used the

software on a NASA network caught on Saipan to work on a side project de-

> signing a thermal simulation for Chinese communications manufacturer Huawei Technologies and a freelance contractor who used it to design components for Patriot missiles and the radar systems on the Marine One and Black Hawk helicopters.

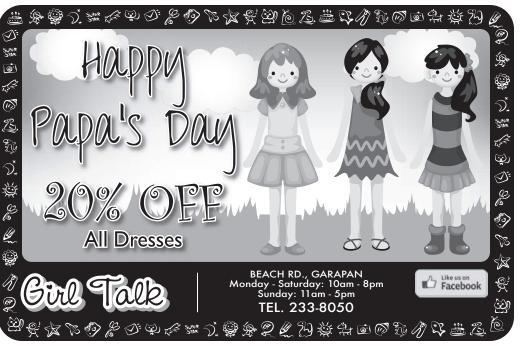
> The ICE net started tightening around Li when agents began making a series of purchases in January 2010. A year and a half later, they suggested the Saipan meeting to collect pirated software and data and to discuss a plan to distribute software to businesses in the U.S. Li was arrested in a Saipan hotel after he delivered the software and was flown to Delaware.

> While Li operated the crack99.com site and distributed the software, ICE agents believe he was part of a larger network of Chinese and Russian hackers that crack and trade in software.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said his sentencing represented "one of the most significant cases of copyright infringement ever uncovered and dismantled.'

Li will be extradited to China after serving his jail sentence.





Hospital's dental equipment mysteriously goes 'missing'

By MONETH G. DEPOSA

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Board members of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. expressed surprise and disappointment yesterday after being told that the hospital's dental equipment mysteriously "disappeared" when the program was shut down last year as a result of the emergency workforce reduction.

Vice chair Pedro Dela Cruz became even more frustrated upon learning that no one initiated any investigation to find the missing equipment.

Dr. Sherleen Osman, director for Medical Affairs, disclosed the loss of the equipment during discussions on the dental program.

Saipan Tribune learned that following the shutdown of the dental clinic at CHC, a federal grant for a dental outreach program was approved for the corporation. This grant, handled by Public Health Division, was in-

tended to serve the three islands.

Since its implementation, however, Dela Cruz said that both Rota and Tinian have not been benefiting from the program. "I have not seen any of this [on Rota]. This grant was developed with justification that it will serve the entire CNMI. So this delineation and boundary has to stop," said Dela Cruz.

Osman said that, based on her information, the main challenge for the outreach program is the difficulty in getting a dentist. To date, she said, no one has been hired for the program, not even

contracting out someone from the private dental clinics.

According to interim CEO Esther Muña, the issue about the missing dental equipment has never been brought to her attention. She promised the board that she will look into the matter and talk with Division of Public Health director Roxanne Diaz, who was not present at yesterday's meeting.

"The issue about the missing dental equipment was maybe brought to the [attention of] former CEO [Juan N. Babauta] but it was not brought up to me. I

never heard about it until now. But I will get to the bottom of this," Muna assured the board.

When asked if she is aware of how the health programs are being run, including federal grants, Muña admitted she has some concerns over what she labeled as the "my grant" attitude of the Public Health Division.

Because of this, Muña said she is totally out of the loop in the budgeting process for federal grants. Travel, she added, is one item that she wants to look at after learning that some programs earmark 60 percent of their budget for travel.

"I want to make them understand that the grant is for the corporation and the program can't run without the hospital," she told the board, adding that in doing this, she will make sure that she will also be on top of all the program's budget and cost-allocation to ensure that everything goes through proper channels.

Muña also cited instances where some federal granting agencies and its officials directly go to Diaz, instead of communicating with the CEO office first.

CHC hires 3 physicians; Rota doc to cover Tinian

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The number of physicians at the public hospital will go up in coming weeks following disclosure yesterday that three doctors from the U.S. mainland will soon be joining the medical workforce at the Commonwealth Health Center.

Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. interim CEO Esther Muña told the board of trustees yesterday that the three physicians were recently hired to cover key services in select hospital units.

A full-time internal medicine doctor will join the hospital in August, Muña said, while a returning physician will join the OB-gynecology section soon.

Muña also disclosed that a locum for the orthopedic section has agreed to serve at least a month while he weighs his option of relocating to the island.

Muña earlier disclosed the departure of 14 doctors from the hospital last year. As of May 2013, the corporation only had 21 doctors, including two at the Rota Health Center.

CHC needs mores physicians

in the following areas: four for internal medicine; two for pediatrics; two for OB-gyne; two for the emergency room; one anesthesiologist; one for orthopedic; and one for surgery.

Muña also announced yesterday that the Tinian Health Center will soon also have coverage after one of the two doctors on Rota agreed to cover the island. The doctor, who is currently on vacation, is expected to begin serving the Tinian Health Center on July 7 and a schedule will be finalized then. The Rota doctor may visit Tinian on a weekly basis.

At present, a midlevel provider is overseeing service coverage on Tinian, with the rotating assistance of physician assistants at the public hospital.







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Interior OKs \$1.9M in Compact-Impact funds for CNMI

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos announced yesterday that the U.S. Department of the Interior released \$1.9 million for the CNMI for costs associated with the islands' hosting of migrants from the Freely Associated States called Compact impact funding—for fiscal year 2013.

The amount is already embedded in the CNMI's fiscal year 2013 budget.

Inos said the annual funding level remains the same, although the FAS population has dropped.

"So we want to thank the Department of the Interior, OIA [Office of Insular Areas], acting assistant secretary [Eileen] Sobeck and Mr. Nik Pula for sending this down and for executing the grant. We will make sure it goes to the appropriate, affected agencies," Inos said, hours after meeting yesterday with OIA's Keith Aughenbaugh.

FAS citizens are those from Palau, the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia's Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap, and Kosrae.

Under the Compacts, FAS citizens may live and work in the U.S. or the territories without a visa as lawful non-immigrants or habitual residents. In exchange, these territories such as the CNMI and Guam are reimbursed for the expenses they incur in hosting FAS citizens.

But Inos said yesterday that in the CNMI's calculation, the total cost to the Commonwealth of hosting FAS citizens has not been paid by the U.S. government and this amount is some \$200 million.

"That is our position. Of course the U.S. position is a little different," the governor said, referring to the \$1.9 million Compact Impact funding from Interior for fiscal year 2013.

In fiscal year 2012, the CNMI also received \$1.93 million. However, an additional \$320,999 was given, for a onetime funding solely for the Public School System pursuant to U.S. Public Law 108-188

through the Technical Assistance Program.

The CNMI used to receive \$5.2 million in annual Compact impact funding from OIA when the FAS citizen population was

From 3,570 FAS citizens in 2003, the CNMI hosted 2,100 in 2008, based on a survey.

The CNMI agencies that have been receiving portions of the Compact Impact funds include the Department of Public Safety, Public School System, Northern Marianas College, Department of Corrections, Commonwealth Health Center, Office of Public Defender, Division of Youth Services, and Division of Mental Health.

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to Gov. Eloy S. Inos's March 6 letter to acting U.S. Labor secretary Seth D. Harris, asking for a five-year extension.

"I want to assure you that the Department of Labor takes seriously its statutorily mandated responsibilities and has developed a research plan, the results of which will inform our decision regarding an extension of the transition period," Moore said in a letter that the governor's office received on May 30.

In an interview yesterday, Inos said the letter is a source of optimism.

"We kind of prepare ourselves in the event that they ask for information but you're right—at least they acknowledged that they received it, so they know we do exist. That's good," Inos told reporters on Capital Hill.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) also wrote Harris on Feb. 14 to ask for a similar five-year extension of the transition period. Sablan asked that a decision on the matter be made "ideally within the next six months," or by August.

On Wednesday, Inos also wrote a one-page letter to Sablan, sharing with him U.S. Labor's recent letter.

"I request that we continue working together to resolve this critical issue for the CNMI," Inos told Sablan.

The law that placed CNMI immigration under federal control, Public Law 110-229, requires the U.S. Labor secretary to consult with the CNMI governor and federal agencies in assessing the islands' current and anticipated labor needs to determine whether an extension of up to five years is necessary.

Many alien workers in the CNMI do not qualify for conversion to an H1B status before the deadline.

Under U.S. Public Law 110-229, guest workers under the Commonwealth-only worker or CW program will be eliminated come Dec. 31, 2014.

Inos said this deadline presents grave concerns to the CNMI economy. He said it is "undoubtedly clear that the CNMI economy will still need foreign workers who may not necessarily be qualified to convert to an H1B status before the deadline."

The governor added that the CNMI economy is also largely restrained in its ability to advance because of a great deal of uncertainty.

"Not knowing whether the extension of the transition period will be granted has created this climate of uncertainty within the business community.

What is more concerning is that it is not only affecting existing business activity, but also potential investments in the CNMI," Inos told Harris in March.

The CNMI House of Representatives has adopted a joint resolution supporting the governor and delegate's request for the transition extension.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the largest business organization in the CNMI, is also pressing for an extension, with the tourism economy starting to show signs of recovery with improved arrivals and hotel occupancy.

The U.S. Senate is also debating a sweeping national immigration reform bill that includes a pathway to citizenship for long-term, legal foreign workers in the CNMI. The immigration bill grants a pathway to citizenship to over 11 million undocumented aliens in the U.S. mainland.

including the casino bill, a sin tax legislation, the pension obligation bond, and the budget plan for 2014 which targets to infuse \$10 million into the pension system.

Other than these, however, Patel said she cannot say anything concrete as to when these bills will be enacted into law. However, she emphasized that the Legislature acknowledges

sociation chair Larry Cabrera specifically expressed support for the POB legislation, which he said can significantly help the Fund survive.

the idea and meeting privately with Commonwealth Development Authority officials was criticized, however, by some retirees, like Edward Diaz who challenged Cabrera to step down.

Reyes, said he has no choice but to put all his trust and confidence in the Fund's officials and the CNMI government that they will do everything they can to ensure that he will still be able to provide for his

that will prolong the Fund's lifespan. And with at least 80 percent of government collection from a Saipan casino industry dedicat-

generate a "significant" amount

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ed to the Fund, that could guarantee repayment for the bond. Inos said the administration is looking at pozzolan mining on Pagan as another source of repayment for the POB, but this

also has yet to be studied. The House of Representatives has already passed both the Saipan casino bill and the pension obligation bond bill, along with other revenue-generating bills that aim to help the Fund.

These bills are now with the

"One source that I've seen so far that's been on the table is, I understand, the casino bill that's passed in the House, which is going to allocate 80 to 85 percent maybe for the Retirement Fund. I tell you, when I looked at that bill, I feel that bill will be able to generate a significant amount of revenue that can be allocated for the Retirement Fund," the governor told reporters vesterday on Capital Hill.

Without a major revenuegenerating bill such as a Saipan casino legislation, debt service of the pension obligation bond might have to come from the general fund, just like what Guam did, the governor said.

If both the pension obligation bond and the Saipan casino gaming bills fail to pass the Senate, Inos said the government may have to consider options such as reducing retirees' benefits.

This proposed benefit cut is on the table as part of an ongoing settlement negotiation.

Inos said that everyone should do their part in helping the Fund. He will convene another leadership summit in two weeks' time.

Improvement in tourist arrivals is also a source of optimism for the administration, which vows to pump more money into the Fund as they become available.

"The March [2014] exhaustion date is based on some estimates which included the payment of withdrawals, estimated at \$100 million, but if we make those payments, withdrawals, we will have a better picture," Inos told reporters.

He said pension payment is around \$5 million a month, or \$60 million a year.

"We look forward to closing or doing the POB and consultants will be arriving this week, if not probably [today] we're going to start meeting, how we're going to deal with issues... We're still waiting for the authorizing legislation, which is currently sitting at the Senate," Inos said.

Rep. John Paul Sablan

(Cov-Saipan), author of the POB bill, separately said yesterday that it makes sense to use casino gaming revenues for repayments for bonds to be floated.

"The bill authorizes CDA to float a bond up to \$300 million. We don't necessarily need to borrow the whole amount. Seventy million or so will be enough, just to at least buy us some time to further prolong the Fund's lifespan," Sablan told Saipan Tribune. Sablan was one of the 13 House members who voted yes to the Saipan casino bill.

The governor himself said the bond will depend on the CNMI's overall credit rating, interest rates, and marketability, among other things.

He said his conservative estimate is that the CNMI will be able to float a bond of \$50 million to \$70 million initially.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) also believes the Fund's lifespan will go beyond March 2014.

"This now depends on political will and solid revenuegenerating measures. Saipan casino is not a solid revenue generator in my view. Casino is at the bottom of what tourists want to do on Saipan. If we can only double the efforts in promoting and improving the tourism industry, the multiplier effect of that will help give more money to the Fund," he added.

Tebuteb was one of seven House members that voted against the Saipan casino bill.

Inos said there have been inquiries by investors' representatives and agents, but unless and until the Saipan casino bill passes both the House and Senate, there is no telling what the bill entails.

"It could change in the Senate," Inos said, adding that both chambers could also go into conference.

He said Bridge Capital, for example, has always been interested in the entertainment and gaming business, and not necessarily casino gambling so they are closely watching the gaming bill.

The governor reiterated that the government is not eyeing new taxes.

At this time, he said the government is banking on an

increase in tourism activities. "To generate \$70 million in revenues (almost the same

amount needed to pay retirees' benefits annually), you can calculate how much gross receipts would be required to generate that amount of money. Billions. To say that we can fund the Retirement Fund with just a few mom and pop stores, or here and there... We need big investments. Seventy million dollars is not just gross sales, that's the tax, that should be 5 percent of something," the governor added.

The government owes the Fund over \$300 million in unremitted employer contribution plus interests.

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standing obligations. An ongoing case related to this matter is pending in court.

Razzano expressed confidence and optimism that with the agency's improved cash flow, the pension program's lifespan will likely be extended a little longer—even if a settlement with the government is not realized before March 2014.

"We're waiting for the experts to tell us. We provided them the numbers and we're confident that with a much better cash flow, I think this will increase the lifespan of the Fund," he told the crowd at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium in Oleai.

He was quick to add, however, that he doesn't want to give anybody a false impression and warned both retirees and active members to prepare for the worst-case scenario.

In case the settlement with the government fails prior to March 2014, Razzano said: "We will bring some motions [to court] that we think will help extend the Fund's lifespan and we will try to get a ruling that will give

us an opportunity to have a better investment horizon."

Inconsistent positions

Acknowledging members' frustration over the pension program's ongoing challenges, Razzano called on both retirees and active members to come together and unite for a common goal.

"They need to work together. The fact that everybody is taking inconsistent positions is not helping. They need to come together, sit down, and get the issues resolved," said Razzano.

During the open session, active member Barbara Sablan appealed to Razzano to allow them to retrieve their contributions.

"Allow us to get our money back. Get [defined benefit] members out on the way. Move us from your side. Why penalize us?" she told Razzano and other members of the panel, adding that members and beneficiaries are the ones suffering from the fault of the Legislature and the government.

According to Fund administrator Lillian Pangelinan, the court prevented the Fund from disbursing the funds until some

issues are resolved. "But rest assured that we will give you your money once we get the go signal from the court." If and when that will happen remains unknown at this time.

Retiree Marja Lee Taitano warned against separating "active members from retirees" and cautioned Fund members from 'fighting like cats and dogs" over similar issues. Taitano also defended Fund officials, saying they should not be criticized because all they want to do is to help all members.

Beyond ad litem's control

Razzano and Pangelinan both reiterated that all "final decisions" relating to the operation of the Fund lies entirely with the court.

Razzano pointed out that, as court-designated trustee ad litem, he merely reports to the court and wait for whatever decisions it will render-through court orders.

Assistant attorney general Reena Patel, who also attended the meeting, said the government's plan for the Fund is "no big secret." She cited the revenue-generating bills that are now pending in the Legislature,

the urgency of these measures. Commonwealth Retirees As-

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'OPA hands tied unless court reissues warrant for Fitial'

>>> Former governor has yet to communicate with OPA, Hasselback

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The Office of the Public Auditor's request for the Superior Court to reissue a previous arrest warrant for former governor Benigno R. Fitial remains pending in court for almost a month now.

OPA legal counsel George Hasselback told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that he "can't do much" until the court acts on his request to reissue the arrest warrant.

"Nothing has changed, the arrest warrant is still pending. I haven't heard anything," Hasselback said when asked for an update on the request.

He also disclosed that neither Fitial nor his representative has communicated with him or his office up to now.

"Nobody's called, nobody's said anything. It is exactly the

same as it was previously," said Hasselback. "I have no information on where he is."

Hasselback is the designated special prosecutor in the case against Fitial and codefendants.

OPA asked Associate Judge David A. Wiseman last month to quash the penal summons and reissue the arrest warrant for Fitial so that the prosecution of the case may proceed.

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In finding that Brown is a sea-

man entitled to bring an action

under the Jones Act, Manglona

said she does not decide wheth-

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employee of the government..."

OPA has filed seven criminal charges against the former governor for his role in an alleged conspiracy to shield former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham from being served a penal summons in August last year.

In OPA's request to reissue the arrest warrant, Hasselback said the courtesy of issuing the penal summons was premised on the presumption that Fitial would return to the CNMI at once to answer the charges or at least make some arrangement to answer the complaint.

Wiseman first issued an arrest warrant for the governor but later withdrew this and instead issued a penal summons out of respect for both the CNMI Office of the Governor and Fitial himself as a former chief executive.

In the penal summons, Wiseman directed the former chief executive to appear in court at

9am on the first Monday after receiving the summons.

Hasselback believes that without Fitial's voluntary return, a penal summons (as opposed to an arrest warrant) would limit the steps that could be taken to secure Fitial's presence in the CNMI to face charges.

It was reported last month that Fitial is currently recuperating from gall bladder surgery at St. Luke's Medical Center-Global City in Metro Manila, Philippines.

Judge: Seaman suing US govt entitled to bring claims

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A man suing the U.S. government for injuries he sustained in a boat has been allowed to bring claims against the U.S. government after being deemed a seaman under the definition of the Jones Act.

In granting Randall J. Brown's motion for a partial summary judgment, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ruled yesterday that, as a Jones Act seaman, Brown is entitled to bring claims pursuant to the act against the U.S. government.

The judge said the U.S. government's opposition to the summary judgment is misplaced.

"A finding that a person is a seaman under the Jones Act is the same as a finding that the person may bring an action under the Jones Act," she said.

To say that a person may bring a Jones Act case does not, of course, mean that he or she will prevail, Manglona added.

She said a number of obstacles stand in the way and that first and foremost, if at any time the court determines that it lacks subject matter jurisdiction, it must dismiss the lawsuit.

If the government believes that subject matter jurisdiction is lacking, it may make an appropriate motion, she said.

Brown claimed that he sustained injuries when he fell in September 2011 from a crane's ladder and dropped to the deck of a vessel that was anchored off the CNMI.

Brown is suing the United Stated for Jones Act negligence and for the alleged unseaworthiness of its vessel, USNS *Major Stephen W. Pless*, one of the prepositioned ships off the Saipan lagoon.

Brown's motion for partial summary judgment presented two questions: (1) whether he is a seaman within the meaning of the Jones Act, and (2) whether he is entitled to bring claims against the U.S. government under the Jones Act and the doctrine of unseaworthiness.

The U.S. government agreed that Brown is a Jones Act seaman but opposed his entitlement to bring claims, citing what is called the discretionary function exception.

Discretionary function exception bars a claim "based upon the exercise or performance or the failure to exercise or perform a discretionary functions or duty on er the discretionary function exception applies.

Manglona said the U.S. enjoys sovereign immunity against suit except when it consents to be sued.

Congress waived sovereign immunity in certain civil actions in admiralty but, according to Manglona, this waiver is not absolute.

Citing precedent, the judge said an admiralty claim cannot be maintained against the U.S. when it is "based upon the exercise or performance or the failure to exercise or perform a discretionary function or duty on the part of a federal agency or an employee of the government..."

Manglona said the U.S. bears the burden of proving the applicability of the discretionary function exception.



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Filipino community to celebrate 'Pistang Pinoy' on Sunday

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The Filipino community in the CNMI will cap the celebration of their country's 115th Independence Day with a *Pistang Pinoy* (Filipino fiesta) on Sunday, June 16, from 8am to 10pm at the Garapan Fishing Base.

This year's Pistang Pinoy theme is "Ambagan Tungo Sa Malawakang Kaunlaran" (Pitching in for everyone's prosperity).

The Bayani Association will kick off the festivities with a medical mission from 8am to 11am. In collaboration with the United Filipino Organization, Brabu Pharmacy, and nurses from the Commonwealth Health Center, the mission will provide free services such as blood pressure monitoring and blood sugar testing.

The program of activities will start at noon with an invocation from Pastor Manuelito Rey. UFO president Annamae Adaza will officially open the program with welcoming remarks followed by Eli Arago, who will convey the message of Philippine Consul Gen-

eral Bayani Mangibin of the Philippine Consulate General in Guam.

Non-stop entertainment will be provided by Gerry Mesina, High Pitch Band, Rolly Cayapas, Rannie Enriquez, Michelle Villaraza, Prince the Magician, Wasak Band, Jets Band, Uncle Ben's Music and Dance Studio, Manta Ray Band, Karate Do, Paul Dujua, and Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts.

There will also be a children's art contest, father-and-child contest, a la *Showtime* contests for families, food and non-food vendors, and a playhouse for children.

The highlight will come in the evening with the Pinoy Super Gay Model 2013. Event coordinator is Ernie Molina expresses his thanks to official photographers Hervin Jacinto and Antonio Cabrera, Ester Sablan of Saipan Music Dance and Studio for the rehearsal venue, and Robert Barcelo of New Paradise Florist and Nancy Baldoz of Island Florals and Gifts. Coverage will be provided by Digital Motion.

As part of the celebration, a Pinoy trivia contest will be ongoing at KWAW

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The 2013 Liberation Queen candidates will be present at the event. UFO encourages all Filipinos in the CNMI to support candidate Melody Johnson, who was named the 2013 Miss *Pusong Pinoy*, for Liberation Queen. Last year's UFO candidate, Angelica Malasarte, was named 1st Princess for the Liberation Queen.

Docomo Pacific is once again this year's major sponsor for *Pistang Pinoy*. Other sponsors include the TSL Foundation, Western Union, LBC Mabuhay, and KWAW Radio 100.3FM.

UFO's Adaza thanked all sponsors, hotels, vendors, and individuals who supported with donations, prizes, and gift certificates; vendors who rented booths and vendors who supported the souvenir book; and to all the member organizations, officers, and volunteers.

"Maraming maraming salamat po [Thank you very much]," Adaza said. "Without you, our *Pistang Pinoy* won't be as successful as of today."

The 2013 *Pistang Pinoy* chairman is Allan Hernandez of the Triskelion group.

OAG files 17 charges vs 8 in Tanapag riot The Office of the Attorney General has for allegedly throwing rocks at Jack

The Office of the Attorney General has filed charges against eight persons allegedly involved in a riot in Tanapag on June 1 that left a man in critical condition.

Norbert T. Rios, 34; Jack A. Rios, 20; Moses A. Rios Jr., 18; Moses N. Rios Sr., 50; Ramon S. Kaipat, 35; Don E. Ngiraked, 41; Joaquin Glenn T. Rios, 36; and Surella Jaema Rios, 31, were all charged with riot.

In addition, Norbert Rios was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and assault and battery for allegedly hitting Riomano Rios on the forehead with a baseball bat.

It was last reported that Riomano is slowly recovering from a coma in the intensive care unit of the Commonwealth Health Center.

Jack Rios, Moses Rios Jr., and Moses Rios Sr. were also each charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery for allegedly hitting Norbert Rios with a wooden club and rocks.

Ramon Kaipat was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon

for allegedly throwing rocks at Jack Rios, Moses Rios Jr., and Moses Rios Sr. He was also charged with assault and battery for allegedly assaulting Moses Rios Sr.

Don Ngiraked was charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count of assault and battery. He allegedly beat up Moses Rios Jr. and hit him with a baseball bat and rocks. He also allegedly threw rocks at Jack Rios and Moses Rios Sr.

Joaquin Rios was also charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon. He allegedly pointed a shotgun and threw rocks at Jack Rios. He also allegedly threw rocks at Moses Rios Jr. and Moses Rios Sr.

Surella Rios was also charged with assault with a dangerous weapon for allegedly throwing rocks at Jack Rios, Moses Rios Jr., and Moses Rios Sr.

Police said the riot began with a verbal tussle between Moses Jr. and Norbert Rios that escalated into the beating and rock throwing. (Ferdie de la Torre)





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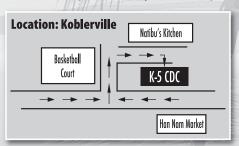
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June 14, 2005

5 students arrested for MHS burglary

The Department of Public Safety said it would ramp up its patrol checks on schools in the wake of rampant cases of burglary and theft at these institutions. DPS spokesman Eric David also disclosed the arrest of two juveniles in connection with the recent theft at the Marianas High School. Police earlier disclosed the arrest of three other students aged 18 and 19. "Classes are over. We are looking at every case of burglary and theft," David said. David said the department, however, would not detail policemen to conduct foot patrol in schools, saying those institutions have their own security guards.

Imperial household releases itinerary

Japan's Imperial Household Agency released yesterday the official itinerary for Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko's visit to Saipan in the Northern Mariana Islands on June 27 and 28, 2005. The imperial couple will depart from Tokyo's Haneda Airport on the afternoon of June 27 and arrive at Saipan's Francisco C. Ada International Airport after the three-and-a-half-hour flight. They will spend the evening of June 27 at the Hotel Nikko Saipan. Tuesday morning, June 28, the Emperor and Empress will visit the Monument of the War Dead in the Mid-Pacific located in the village of Marpi. They will also stop at Laderan Babadero (Banzai Cliff) and Puntan Sabaneta (Suicide Cliff) in the morning.

June 14, 2006

User fee down 23 percent

The government's garment user fee collection during the first five months of the year totaled \$7.83 million or 23 percent down compared with the same period last year. Richard A. Pierce, the governor's special assistant for trade relations, said in a statement yesterday that for May this year, CNMI Customs Service Division registered user fee collection of \$1.768 million, representing factory sales to the U.S. of \$47.9 million. So far this year, he said, user fee collections tally only \$7.83 million, from plant orders totaling \$212 million. Last year's first five month's sales were at \$276 million, with \$10.2 million collected as user fees.

Meeting sought with AGO on immigration fee

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce is seeking an audience with the Attorney General's Office to discuss the recently implemented \$100 fee by the Division of Immigration for nonresident workers annual registration. The chamber has criticized the division's new ruling to charge a \$100 immigration fee, rather than \$25, for each nonresident worker. The Immigration is a division under the AGO. "We want to sit down with them. We want them to justify all the expense, tell us the real costs," said Chamber president Charles V. Cepeda yesterday. The Chamber official said that Immigration's implementation of an additional fee came as a surprise.

June 14, 2007

Japan arrivals down 32 percent

There is no positive news yet as far as Japan arrivals is concerned, with the latest data showing a big drop of 32 percent in the Japan market last month. The Marianas Visitors Authority said only 15,610 Japanese tourists visited the CNMI in May, compared to 22,969 during the same month last year. "The lack of air seats from Japan continues to be the primary factor in the drastic reduction in Japanese arrivals," said MVA managing director Perry P. Tenorio yesterday. China, another primary market of the CNMI, also registered a decline of 28 percent last month "due to reduced charters [from China]." Overall, tourist arrivals last month went down by 22 percent compared to 2006. There were 37,247 visitors in May 2006 and 29,093 during the same month this year.

Power bill in May stuns CUC Saipan consumers

Many Saipan residents are stunned at the high power billings that they have received from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for the month of May when CUC implemented the highest ever electric fuel rate of 22.2 cents per kilowatt-hour. The May fuel rate is the highest since the utility agency adopted the new power rates in July 2006. A court employee told Saipan Tribune yesterday that her April power billing was \$300 but in May it suddenly jumped to \$630. The employee, who agreed to speak on condition of anonymity, said CUC came up with the figure by adding an estimated 1,000 kilowatt more to their average power use in the past three months.

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EDITORIAL

Happy B-day, 'Noy

Editor's Note: The following editorial was written to mark Philippine Independence Day on June 12:

fter World War II, when the developing nationstates began demanding independence from colonial powers, the Philippines understood that its Commonwealth tutelage from the United States beginning 1935 would eventually lead to political independence.

The patriotic pride in this period, now considered more as hot air than serious prescription, was expressed by President Manuel Quezon: "I would rather have a country run like hell by Filipinos than a country run like heaven by the Americans, because however bad Filipino government might be, we can always change it." Some say the Philippines has been run like hell ever since!

Genuine political independence was a clamor for self-rule without interference from external forces. Neighboring post-Qing China of 1912 experienced tremendous external interference as European powers and the U.S. tried to carve out China's territories for their regions of influence. Japan woke to Commodore Perry's threat so it strengthened its internal piers. Korea south of Panmunjom got addicted to Hollywood and evolved a democracy Gangnam style! The Philippines became G. I. Joe's faithful salts doing guard duty at Quantico and wearing white gloves in Nixon's White House. The CNMI is what one cruelly calls Uncle Sam's mess.

Colonial boundaries were determined by the colonizers' extractive intents rather than by affinity to the populace they colonized. Divide and conquer was the rule.

The Philippines was one of the earlier Southeast Asian units to forge a national identity, albeit vis-a-vis Spain, and only as a part of its Cortez. It has not weaned itself from this historical mooring in spite of the noticeable absence of the old aristocratic guards in the last Cebu elections or Manila's election of populist Joseph Estrada. It still calls itself the Philippines after one of Spain's royals.

Self-rule determined by broad participatory democracy failed to emerge as the former Spanish colony and brown America could not unify culturally as a secular state. Islam's remnants still feel cheated by the British decimation of the Sultanate of Sulu, its cousins waging war in Cotabato, while idolatrous Christians oblate over their favored physical and mental icons, including crucifixion annually, live and in color, in Pampanga. In adopting the language around Manila as its national tongue, the state is too defensively insecure over its union at the expense of dynamic diversity.

Not unhappily, today's self-conscious Pinoy, in diaspora around the world, holds the key to the nation's future, having forsaken a narrow jingoistic nationalism and becoming globally street-smart and world-wise. When Pinoy Saipan articulates its fealty to Spaceship Earth rather than barangay Pinay, real independence echoes in the chambers of authenticity. When Pea Eye returning Pinoy encounter old guards, someone better watch out!

Happy Birthday, Pinoy!

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Father's Day USA

nd now, the Papas. They are a second thought in today's society, getting their fest day after Mother's Day was established. All to the downtown store's delight, as now we have also created children's day, family day, and even grandparents' day. The uncles and aunties are not too far behind.

Father's Day is actually observed in many Catholic communities with St. Joseph's Day, Jesus' stepfather in the Christian narrative. Though the celebration of the feast day comes a few centuries after our peripatetic carpenter from Galilee paid for a Pampanga-sized crucifixion, it was nevertheless in honor of fathers. As it is this Sunday.

It was May 2005 when my 94-year-old father died in Hawaii. He was pastor of the Methodist Church in the Philippines since World War II when he snatched my devout Catholic mother from parochial perdition. Five offspring in a country that had English and Pilipino for its national language grew up pretty much an extension of the United States of America. An older sister and I were born nationals of the U.S. before Philippine independence, so technically we belonged to the group that later raised a legal point to re-enfranchise their right to U.S. citizenship. Ten percent of the Philippine population petitioned for statehood during Marcos' watch. More than 10 percent of its current population has since left to be *Pinoy* in diaspora all over the world.

I've written of my Ilocana mother raising her children to be self-sufficient, self-reliant, and self-confident. That last quality had to do with her unshakeable assertion that one is born somebody. In my contemporary scientific retelling, that was me conceived a winner of a 200-million sperm lottery, freely chosen to merged with an egg that in nine months created an incredible organism, equipped with muscular, skeletal, respiratory, digestive and neural systems, giving one a good chance to survive. In my retelling of her life stance, every human who makes it into this life is already ahead of the game, regardless of the setbacks one might encounter in one's family ladder.

My father handled the other end. Dabbling in the universe of the spheres where one is reduced to minuscule entity, not even a pixel in the HDTV of life in today's metaphor, it was in the abject surrender as a nobody to the power of the universe that one receives the "grace" of one's freedom in historic time and space. "Life is good. You are received just as you are. The past is done and approved. The future is open, and you can decide," is a rephrasing of his faith. My being providentially accepted, as it were, I construct the road on which I travel. On an 87-year-long road hangs the whole orchestral force of my being!

My father did not wish for me to be like him, nor follow in his footsteps. In fact, third family boy was groomed to the ordained profession. But it was I, and second boy, who ended up wearing the ecclesiastical garb. "If you are to be an extension of my per-

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sonality, then your choices will be my choice," Dad wrote when I was 12. Substance and content have changed but his style of fathering stayed, and my children know me to be one who, if asked what they might do in a particular situation, hear my retort as: "What do you think?"

We write not to extol my Dad's, or our fathering prowess. In my case, it is a subject best avoided in my family circle. But we do know that fathering is an essential function in the continuation of the specie, biologically and sociologically, and thereby has a critical role in the societal scheme of things. That humanity operates out of outmoded but dominant patriarchal models is a source of dismay. Many parts of the world still keep the female in chattel slavery while the man prance around like a gazelle exhibiting an overrated horn!

The father in the agrarian family was assigned the task of being the house bond (husband). With his labor and income, he provided the glue that brought food on the table, kept a roof over one's head, and provided garments from head to toe.

The industrial nuclear family added the mother into the work-force as the male seems eternally preoccupied with conquest; children provide the rationale for why one kept a family to begin with. In a sense, the mother sustains the economic "I" pole, while the father, at best, maintains the decisional process of "we" to empower the social net that makes public education and health services possible. Otherwise, Dad is left to snooze with the TV remote control in the den. The child naturally demonstrates the awe and the wonder of the mysterious "us" worth living for.

Of course, that is not what Father's Day reflection normally ends up being. Most families scramble over the latest gadget for Dad, no longer content with just the tie, the cigar, and the beer, but more of the newest iPad or a gift certificate to CNMI's Joeten. The aim is to pacify the old growl!

While prudent families generally keep a family day on such holidays as Thanksgiving or Yuletide, the Chamber of Commerce would rather that we spread the joy as widely and frequently as possible so we can consume more, and more, and endlessly more.

Hang on to your wallets, but yes, Dad needs that visor if he has to take you to the ballpark. Bring lots of water though; his throat will need it after he makes his primal screams.

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Slob 2.0

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h, paradise! Where people drink pure rainwater, eat the sun-kissed ripeness of mangos and bananas, and where the pristine waters of the Pacific deliver a wholesome bounty of fresh fish to dinner plates.

Or, maybe we'll just head to the store for Spam and potato chips. Then we can grab a burger on the way to happy hour.

I'd be the last one to pass judgment on dietary habits. I've been living proof that a guy can thrive on burgers and caffeine. Much of this is rooted in traveling for much of my career.

After all, if life is a journey, then living is a 24-hour drive-through.

If you share my penchant for fast fare like burgers, pizza, and tacos, and many of you do, then I'll mention I'm working on upgrading the food algorithm from Slob 1.0 to Slob 2.0.

In fact, it's a free upgrade as long as you already have Slob 1.0 installed

And, don't worry, I am not talking about getting any good habits; I'm merely talking about getting maximum mileage out of the bad

I was inspired to take a look at this when I was in a restaurant. A lunch companion from an exotic foreign land asked me why I drink soda. That was one of those innocuous, cross-cultural questions that was so simple that it couldn't be answered.

At least, it couldn't be answered well. So I tallied the merits of the gig: Soda is acidic, bad for the teeth, has no nutritional value that I'm aware of, and can be loaded with calories.

Why do I drink soda? Because it's there, I concluded. Is that rational?

I don't think the problem is an occasional soda, or the occasional anything else, for that matter. I think the problem is that such things can become such ingrained habits that, over the years and decades, they might accumulate some consequences.

The more gray hairs I sprout, the more people I know who have to face various consequences. The odds are starting to show the house

advantage. They always do, eventually. So I wanted to adjust my hand just a little bit, probably more out of superstition than anything else, just to fend off any evil spirits lurking in the deck.

Maybe that's not rational either, but it is sensible.

So I pretty much stopped drinking sodas. That's hardly heroic, and not even difficult.

Well, once this little change happened, it spawned other ones. For example, I soon discovered that it didn't make any sense to order the meal packages in fast food restaurants, since I didn't want the soda that comes with them.

Therefore, if I wanted to order fries, it had to be a stand-alone transaction. The fries couldn't just piggy back on the order anymore.

Me, I'm a connoisseur of French fries. You could blindfold me, feed me a fry, and I could tell you which fast food restaurant it came from. Let me sniff it and I could tell you the vintage of the potato. Let me whiff the bag, I could tell you where the salt was mined.

It's hard not to take pride in having such a discriminating palate, but, still, I noticed an interesting fact: The soda and fries I was used to ordering added up to more calories than the burger itself. That was quite a fact to heed, since I never pay attention to calories. But the math was undeniable. So conceptually it was like having a date that showed up with two obnoxious friends in tow, who needs that grief? Keep the date. Close the door on the baggage.

So, in theory, by avoiding that baggage I can eat twice the amount of burgers and still wind up ahead of the game. Not that I will take that course. But I can if I want, and that's the important thing. I can't help thinking in terms of theoretical tradeoffs and, taking that view, the threshold has been moved and the envelope, expanded.

Just to repeat a point, lest somebody try to brand me a goody-goody: Slob 2.0 doesn't build any good habits, it just rearranges the bad ones. Economists will recognize this as a hedonic exercise in constrained optimization.

And here's a great feature of Slob 2.0: It's backwards compatible with Slob1.0 by invoking the user override feature.

The feature works like so: In a nutritional emergency, where a full dose of sugar and grease is necessary to maintain optimal health, the Slob 2.0 constraints can be temporarily suspended. After all, our health is too important to trifle with, and sometimes principle must yield to practicality. But I'll note that seven months into Slob 2.0 beta testing, I only reverted to soda and fries on three occasions.

Well, enough of that serious stuff. It's Friday. Let's get some tacos and go play some pool.

Whopping \$740 million deficit

he cumulative deficit is a whopping \$740 million, literally paralyzing the CNMI under a mountain of debt. The pandemic fiscal disaster at home is woefully troubling. Now we're broke while the parade to dish out ad hoc answers persist. Even the trade wind is sighing at a distance, fearful of the filthy cross contamination down below.

The total hails from the \$369 million in regular government debt plus \$371 million it owes the Fund, for a grand sum of \$740 million. Eh, "I'm lovin' it," you know, the insolvency attitude of the elected elite, often ignoring the essence of conciseness, coherence, and clarity when dealing with substantive issues. The mess isn't an overnight political concoction; it's been in the neighborhood for more than three decades.

At the root of problem is the CNMI's frequent dalliance with policy formulation of "like" and "don't like" decisions that consistently stormed up instability for every conceivable undertaking on the islands. No worries! The inevitable should soon be officially validated via an admission or announcement. In either case, it's the truth and all must brace for it.

We like the benefits of retirement but aren't interested if laws approved by our men of wisdom aren't the very tools that have hastened insolvency. Take a quick glimpse into the chronology of events in this respect and you'd confirm my assertion. Now it's casino and piling more debts on the backs of our children via pension obligation bond. Is debt piling a new form of leadership?

The \$65 million disaster by March '14

The House mustered the courage to "face the music" so to speak, approving 13-7 the proposed establishment of the casino industry on Saipan.

While we could pontificate *ad infinitum* on the social ills of casino, the more realistic assessment is the fatal socio-economic crash and subsequent egregious ills it would trigger upon the NMI when \$65 million is removed from the local economy. This is how much is infused into the Fund annually to pay retirees.

The proposal isn't the one-size-fits-all solution to the fiscal ills sinking the Fund today. But it is a temporary respite to scaffold or ease Fund bankruptcy while the CNMI searches for lasting answers. In other words, we need the breathing room, albeit temporarily, to rework policies that would allow for fiscal integrity and independence of the Fund. Call it hypnogogic, you know, staggering to the restroom in the morning?

It's a difficult decision after more than three decades of grand neglect but it's the only solution they could scrounge up from the filthy swamp of *mañana*. It may not be the best but then is there anything else washing up our empty shores? It's the net result of casual behavior since 1978.

Japan eyes casino too

As the NMI zeroes in on casino legislation, Japan has set her eyes on the same industry, hoping for public approval later this year.

"A group of Japanese lawmakers is close to hitting the jackpot in their bid to legalize casinos, betting the revenue bonanza could challenge Macau for the title of global gaming powerhouse," according to the June 10 edition of *Japan Times*.

"A bill is to be submitted to parliament later this year that, if passed, would pave the way for tie-ups with big name firms to build casinos across the country," said a senior Japanese law-

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maker heading the push.

Talk about opening casinos in Japan has been on the table for years. "Japan could become one of the largest gaming jurisdictions in the world, surpassed perhaps only by Macau."

"CLSA estimated that just two gaming resorts in Tokyo and another in the smaller city of Osaka could generate revenues of \$10 billion annually.

"Jonathan Galaviz, managing director of U.S.-based consultancy Galaviz & Co, said that figure could balloon if gaming resorts with hotels, retail shopping and other entertainment offerings opened across the nation.

"The potential size of Japan's casino gaming industry could approach \$100 billion over the long-term if the industry were allowed to develop and grow in an unconstrained manner," he said.

"Two casino resorts in Singapore have been an undeniable success, with a combined revenue of about \$5.3 billion last year, part of a wider gaming sector boom across Asia over the past decade.

"The charge has been led by the former Portuguese colony of Macau, now the world's biggest gaming hub that generates more than six times the gambling revenue of the Las Vegas strip, thanks mainly to high-rolling Chinese VIPs.

"The tiny enclave's gaming revenue jumped to a record \$38 billion last year even as the pace of growth slipped from the previous year amid a slowdown in China's economic boom.

"The Philippines and Vietnam are also staking their claims to regional market share with several mega-resorts.

"But Japan has long been viewed as the Holy Grail of Asian gaming due to its wealthy population, close proximity to China and appetite for other forms of legal gambling, including horse racing and betting on football matches.

"Casinos, as is often the case, would provide politicians with the path of least resistance to raising new funds."

Japan is also looking to regenerate the country's declining importance as a regional hub and boost tourism numbers that were hammered after the quake-tsunami and subsequent nuclear disaster two years ago.

Fiscal fandango

Someone once said be careful what you pray for. Well, we weren't praying. We were literally digging up a wider and deeper fiscal hole for ourselves. And "we're lovin' it" too!

Revenue has degenerated significantly, but we want to grant new businesses qualifying certificates to absolve them from contributing taxes into the empty local coffers.

Isn't the CNMI suffering heavily from budgetary shortfall of nearly a billion dollars? So why would policymakers bankrupt the system via regressive laws in perpetuity? Call it "advancing to the rear!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Judicial circus

After our arrival from the U.S. mainland weeks ago, we met the attorney who inspired us to give back to our community and we were very happy to run across such an individual. During our conversation, we found out that he/she had been disbarred from practicing law in the CNMI judicial system and we wanted to find out what was going on with our judicial system in the CNMI.

According to the attorney, the CNMI judicial system has a double standard and those who are not with the big boys' club are subjected to disciplinary actions. But for those who are in the club, their records are kept secret and the public has no way of obtaining them for.

Lo and behold, he/she was telling the truth, because no one at the CNMI Judiciary could give us the correct answers when we requested to obtain the records of those who had been sanctioned by our courts. We were told to contact the recorders office and they don't have a clue. We were referred to the clerk of court, he was not there over the phone and he was not there when we went in person. One employee referred us back to the CNMI Supreme Court and we began to get an understanding that such records are restricted from commoners in the CNMI.

Based on hearsay, a sitting judge in the past was disbarred from the CNMI Bar Association and he/she was afforded to continue his tenure as CNMI judge. Such allegation with the judge in question was very hard to prove, for the records at the Judiciary are not available to commoners like us.

We have two choices to put a stop to our judicial circus. The first choice is to amend our Constitution on the judicial process for an oversight to exist to prevent sub-culture and corrupted behaviors. Our second choice is to encourage our Legislature to amend Public Law 6-25 Section 3403 to incorporate oversight and create a new bar association. Such amendment will guarantee transparency and afford public opinion on our judicial process when it comes to having access to attorneys who have been disciplined within our courts. It is a privilege to practice law in the CNMI, not a given right.

Segundo Castro

Marpo Valley, Tinian

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Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian



Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Fast winds 10 to 15 mph.

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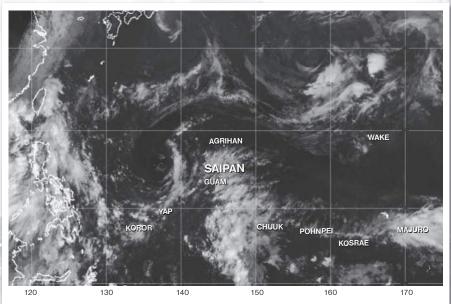
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Around The Globe

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Beijing	Partly Cloudy	\$ 88	▼ 65
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 83	▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 73
London	Showers	▲ 64	▼56
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 76	▼ 61
Manila	Thundershowers	89	▼81
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 55	▼ 46
Miami	Thundershowers	≜ 87	₹75
New York	Thunderstorms	▲ 66	▼ 56
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	≜ 88	₹72
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71	▼ 55
Pusan	Showers	▲ 75	▼67
Rome	Sunny	≜ 82	▼ 66
Salem	Showers	▲ 66	₹49
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 67	▼54
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86	▼64
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 75	▼ 71
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	4 91	▼63

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Depression Yagi (03W) southeast of Japan is moving slowly northeastward with maximum sustained winds of 30 mph. Troughing associated with Yaqi is causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms along and north of 24N from 130E to 140E. Scattered showers are also north of 23N from 150E to 160E. For more information on Yagi, see warnings issued by Joint Typhoon Warning $Center under WMO\ header\ WTPN31\ PGTW.\ An upper-level\ low\ west\ of\ Saipan\ centered\ near\ 17N138E$ is causing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 100 miles of a line from 21N144E to 13N139E. A disturbance southwest of Koror is centered near 6N132E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Koror are between 11N and 6N from 130E to 138E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms in a large area from the Mariana Islands across Chuuk state between 16N and 10N from 144E to 150E and between 10N and the equator from 145E to 153E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Kosrae to the south of a line from 3N159E to 2N169E and across the Marshall Islands between 9N and 4N from 166E to the date line

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UA5076		4:00pm	Daily	UA5077		6:25pm	Daily
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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300 Rota-Saipan	17:00 17:50	17:30 18:20	Daily Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Saipan-Rota			,	Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
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FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
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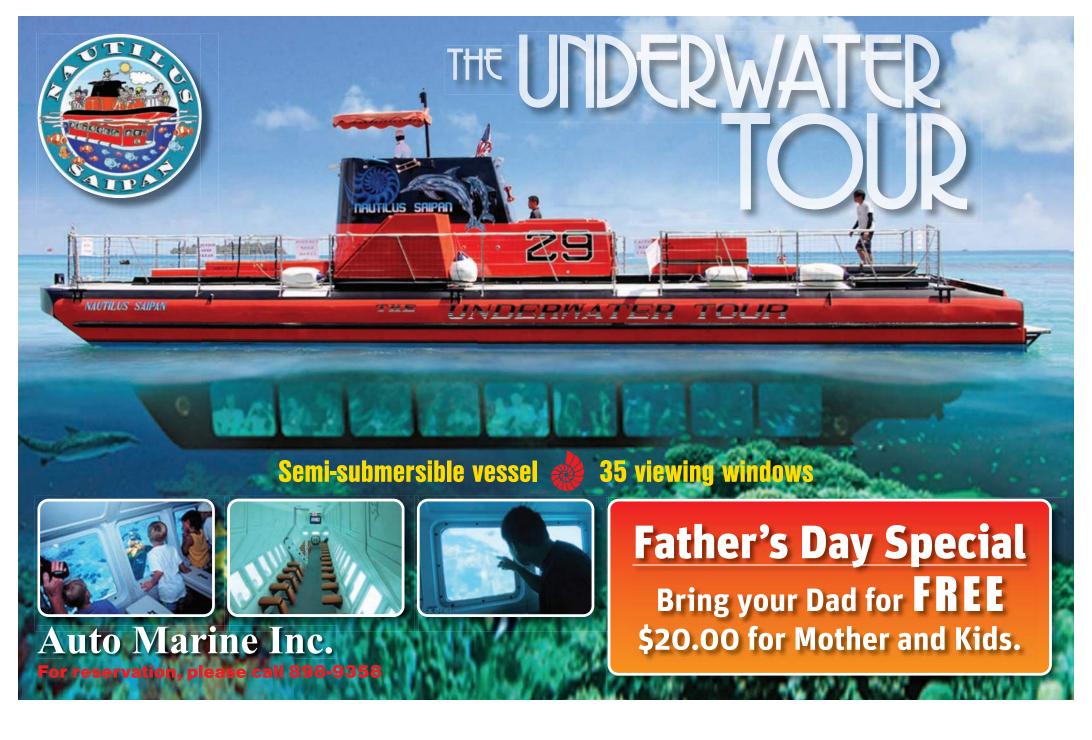
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- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

SAIPAN TRIBUNE FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013 13







Butters, Camacho tie for top at Chacha Oceanview



REINA S. PEREZ

Chacha Oceanview Junior High School principal Vincent Dela Cruz poses with students John Nickole G. Huevos, Daniel San Nicolas, Ryuta Onuki, and their parents after presenting the Principal Leadership Award to the three students.

By REINA S. PEREZ STUDENT REPORTER

Kycel Laurence Butters and Benellen S. Camacho tied for valedictorian of Chacha Oceanview Junior High School during the promotional ceremony Thursday, June 13, on campus.

Butters and Camacho were each presented with the Board of Education Award by BOE chair Herman T. Guerrero.

Butters and Camacho delivered their valedictory address together.

Butters quoted Nelson Mandela: "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." "I believe in this quote," Butters said, "education is indeed very powerful."

Camacho quoted Dr. Seuss:



KYCEL LAURENCE BUTTERS Valedictorian



BENELLEN S. CAMACHO Valedictorian

JOHN NICKOLE G. HUEVOS Salutatorian





ANDREA L. CAMACHO Salutatorian

"Congratulations! Today is your day. You're off to great places! You're off and away! You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go."

"Choosing where to go in life isn't that simple," Camacho said, "with you deciding your path, one of the greatest guidance you have is education."

Both expressed appreciation to their parents, teachers, classmates, and school.

"Life is the most exciting opportunity we have. But we have one shot. You graduate from junior high once and that's it. You're going out of the nest. And you have to find that courage that's deep, deep, deep in there. Every step of the way," Butters and Camacho said. quoting Andrew Shue.

The school also honored two salutatorians, John Nickole G. Huevos and Andrea L. Camacho, who were presented with the Commissioner of Education Award by Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.

Three students were honored with the Principal Leadership Awards: Huevos, Daniel San Nicholas, and Ryuta Onuki. The awards were presented by Chacha Oceanview principal Vincent Dela Cruz.

The school promoted 157 students to high school. Of this number, 93 were recipients of the President's Education Award Program's silver and gold awards.





Free Cash for College workshop tomorrow at NMC

The Northern Marianas College and the College Access Challenge Grant program is reminding students about the free "Cash for College" workshop that will be held tomorrow, June 15, 2013. The event aims to assist students and their parents maximize scholarship opportunities that are

available to students seeking to obtain a college education.

The free workshop will be held in Building A at the NMC As Terlaje campus. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and 3pm.

Participants will be provided

with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the col-

Records will also be present to application process.

Students can also have their financial aid documents notarized and photocopied, all without any charges or fees.

shop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid passport, birth certificate, or green card), at least three official transcripts, signed 2012 1040 tax form (2012 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not or will not file taxes),

2011 and 2012 (for example, CNMI 1040 tax form, Employ-Voter's Certification, etc.).

at 234-5498 Ext. 1526 or email

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Advanced happy Father's Day to Ramon P. Crisostimo! We love you! Love, Carmen, Shar, Tina, Roy, Jr., Draven, Franko Ray, and



Advanced happy Father's Day to Donald Seidler! We are so blessed to have you in our lives and we thank you so much for everything you've done for us! You have given us your best and you are the best father to our son. We love you so much! Greetings come from your son Christopher Wallace Seidler and your wife Crystal.

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Advanced Happy Father's Day to Roy D. Tudela! We love you! Love, Tina, Jr., Draven, and Franko Ray.

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INVITATION TO BID

2013-CDA-01-ITB

Submission & Opening Date: July 8, 2013

"SUPPLY OF APPLE IPADS MD512LL/A, **BLUETOOTH KEYBOARDS and CASES FOR CDA"**

Copies of the specifications may be picked up at the Commonwealth Development Authority Office, 2nd Floor in Oleai, Saipan during regular working hours

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ MANUFL A SARLAN **Executive Director**

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN Director, P&S



PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY **CNMI GOVERNMENT**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2013-CDA-02-RFP

Submission Date: July 8, 2013 Time: 10:00 a.m.

"SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF COMPUTERS FOR CDA"

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lege's Office of Admissions and

provide information and assistance with the NMC admission

It is recommended that work-

proof of CNMI residency for

ment Verification from your employer, Official Transcripts, For more information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office

daisym@nmcnet.edu. (NMC)

30th Agricultural Fair tomorrow at Civic Center

The Saipan Agricultural Fair Association starts bright and early tomorrow, June 15, 2013, at the Civic Center Beach, Susupe.

RB Camacho, chairman for the Saipan Agricultural Fair Association, is inviting all members of the community to witness the hard work the farmers and ranchers did to prepare their showcases.

The prize for each compe-

tition varies by the category. The plant division has four categories: fruits, vegetables, root crops, nuts and others. The animal division has 13 categories: Santa Gertrudis breed bull/ cow, non-Santa Gertrudis bull/ cow, boar, sow/gilt, billy, nanny, rabbit, duck, turkey, pigeon, chicken broiler, chicken layers, chicken sports.

The youth division shall also

be competing and there will be a mini-cooking contest.

Raffle tickets are also on sale. Prizes are: first place, cattle; second place, pig; third place, pig; fourth place, goat; fifth place, pair of ducks; sixth place, pair of chickens; and seventh place, pair of pigeons. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any SAFA member. The drawing will be conducted on Saturday at 3pm.

The fair is a partnership of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture, NMC CREES, Department of Public Works, Nutrition Assistance Program, Division of Environmental Quality, and the Saipan Agricultural Fair Association.

For more information about the entry rules or about the fair in general, contact 664-8512. (SAFA)



ALL LOCATIONS - Susupe, Gualo Rai & San Vicente

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Summer program for high school students

The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council through its CNMI Office is again sponsoring a two-week Summer Institute Program slated to begin on July 1 and end on July 16 for CNMI high school students. Activities include field trips to marine sanctuaries, NMC-CREES, CPR/first aid training and certification, boating safety, canoeing, fishing, and many more. For more information and application forms call James Yangetmai at (670) 286-6643 or email him at a203paradise@gmail.com or call Jack Ogumoro at the Department of Lands and Natural Resources in Lower Base, Saipan at 287-9482/322-9482 or fax him at

322-2633. (PR)

MHS Class of '83 meeting today

The MHS Class of 1983 would like to invite everyone for our general meeting today, June 14, 2013, 7pm at the Filcom Pavilion, next to the basketball court in Susupe. The purpose of the meeting is for the distribution of the banquet tickets, t-shirts orders, and other reunion activities. For more inquiry or information call Tonnei Camacho at 483-9665.

Mafea invites members to 'Pistang Pinoy'

The Marianas Association of Filipino Engineers & Architects is inviting all Filipino Saipan to participate in the

115th Philippine Independence Day "Pistang Pinoy" celebration on Sunday, June 16, 2013, at the Garapan Fishing Base. Program will start at 11:30am onward. For more information, call Randy at 888-0899, Jojo at 989-5184, or Ruel at 285-8863. (Mafea)

Kagman summer study program

The Kagman Community Center will start its Summer Intensive Study program on June 20, 2013. Students can help children with homework, reading aloud, especially studying higher levels in advance. Registered users can borrow books and videotapes. Anyone can donate engineers and architects on refreshments for the students and children.

More tutors and helpers are needed. For more information call 285-2221 or email kagmancommunity@gmail. com. (PR)

MHS students display artworks at NMC

Art students from Marianas High School are exhibiting their original works of arts through June 19 at the Northern Marianas College. The art show is free and open to the public. The show includes over 30 paintings and drawings, ranging from portraits to still lifes, using various mediums from charcoal to collage. (PR)

Water system construction in progress

A water system improvement

project is now underway in the Chalan Msgr. Guerrero Road and NMC intersection and along Chalan Tun Herman Pan Road (Airport Road by Exploring Drive).

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. urges the public to plan ahead in their travels or take alternative routes as the contractor's (GPPC Inc.) crew works to install the new waterlines on the road way. One-lane closures are expected in these areas from 8:30am to 5:30pm.

For questions or concerns call CUC's 24-Hour Call Center at (670) 664-4282. (CUC)

Erratum on Mass of Intention

The Mass Intention published in the North Star on June 9, 2013, was mistakenly inserted for Saturday, 7am at St Jude. The Intention should read as follow: June 15, 2014, Saturday 4pm, St Jude, Thanksgiving Mass 40th Year Reunion MHS Class of 1973 and all souls of classmates who died [offered by Class of 1973 MHS]. *(PR)*

Kagman High awards ceremony today

Kagman High School would like to invite all parents and community stakeholders to the annual awards ceremony today. June 14, 2013, at 9am at the Kagman High School campus. The award ceremony will take place from 9am to 12pm on campus.

The Kagman High School graduation will be held Monday, June 17, 2013, at 4pm at the American Memorial Park. *(PR)*



PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY **CNMI GOVERNMENT**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RFP13-DPL-127





"LONG-TERM LEASE FOR PUBLIC LANDS IN MARPI AND SAN ANTONIO, SAIPAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS"

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Lands (DPL), are soliciting sealed proposals from interested and qualified companies or individuals for the purpose of leasing and commercially developing public land as indicated below:

- Lot Number 003 A 11, containing an area of approximately 49,500 square meters. 1.
- 2. Lot Number 003 A 20, containing an area of approximately 49,505 square meters.
- Lot Number 004 I 40, containing an area of approximately 40,827 square meters

Lots #1 & #2 are contiguous to each other and have a combined total area of 99,005 square meters, more or less, and are located in Marpi, Saipan, CNMI. Proposers have the option to select only one (1) lot, or combined both lots to prepare their proposal. Lot number 004 I 40 is located in San Antonio, Saipan

The Scope of Work, proposal instructions, maps, and other documents to complete the RFP will be available and may be picked up at the Department of Public Lands Office, located at the 2nd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building, Dandan, Saipan, during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Interested proposers from overseas may request the required documents by mail. A non-refundable application fee of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (US \$3,500.00) is required to be paid at the time of issuance of the Scope of Work of the RFP and related documents. Payment must be by certified or cashier's check and made payable to: Department of Public Lands.

Also, request by mail for the RFP documents must be accompanied by payment of the non-refundable fee in certified or cashier's check, payable to the Department of Public Lands. Payment by mail should be sent to: Department of Public Lands, P.O. Box 500380, Saipan, MP 96950.

The RFP packet issued to proposers will be numbered for identification and shall become the property of the prospective companies or individuals, and may not be copied for distribution to other interested parties. Only those interested proposers that inquired and have paid the application fee directly to Department of Public Lands (DPL) will be issued the official RFP from DPL.

Questions regarding this project must be received no later than the close of business. June 28, 2013 and must be submitted in writing to Mr. Pedro A. Tenorio, Acting Secretary of DPL at the following address:

> Department of Public Lands P.O. Box 500380 Saipan, MP 96950 2ND Floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building Telephone numbers: (670) 234-3751/52/53 Facsimile number: (670) 234-3755

Email: pete.tenorio@dpl.gov.mp; rachel@dpl.gov.mp; prasa@dpl.gov.mp

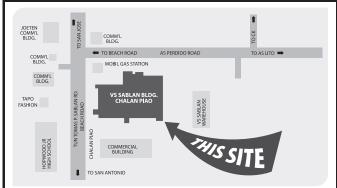
Response to questions shall be shared with all prospective proposers.

DPL reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects if it finds that to do so is in the best interest of the public land beneficiaries. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI Government.

/S/ PEDRO A. TENORIO **ACTING SECRETARY OF PUBLIC LANDS**

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Trial next month for two men in involuntary manslaughter case

Two men who are facing involuntary manslaughter and other charges over the alleged beating of a teenager will have their jury trial next month. The teenager later died after being run over by two cars.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho said the jury trial of Felix Kileleman Jr. and Herman S. Fitial will start on July 15, 2013.

Fitial and Kileleman are Middle Road. facing charges of involuntary manslaughter, failure to report wounds or death, and assault and battery.

Fitial and Kileleman allegedly assaulted 19-year-old Jefferson Kiauol Keju during an argument in front of LJ Market in Garapan on the evening of Jan. 1, 2013. The two allegedly left the victim lying along

A van later ran over Keju. The driver sped off. Moments later, a pickup truck also hit the victim. The truck's driver stopped and assisted the victim. The driver was not charged.

On Jan. 12, hikers found the van in a secluded area near Obyan Beach. The driver managed to flee to South Korea, police said. (Ferdie de la Torre)

The science of the sting

>> Field ecology and venoms of box jellyfish

Have you ever been stung by a jellyfish? Are there highly poisonous box jellyfish in our local waters? If they are attracted to lights, can some jellyfish see? Are they present even in the daytime? Want to find out more about these fascinating marine animals?

This coming Wednesday, the Asia Pacific Academy of Sciences, Science Education, and Environmental Management. or APASEEM, will host a public presentation at the American Memorial Park auditorium by a visiting scientist currently con-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO Cubozoans or box jellyfish are the most specialized class in the Cnidaria phylum, a phylum (group) that also includes sea anemones and corals

ducting box jellyfish research in local waters.

This free presentation will be held on June 19, 2013, from 6:30pm to 7:30/8pm.

Cubozoans or box jellyfish are the most specialized class in

the Cnidaria phylum, a phylum (group) that also includes sea anemones and corals. Dr. Angel Yanagihara, a research professor at the University of Hawaii, has been characterizing the field ecology, reproductive biology, and venom biochemistry of multiple box jellyfish species in Hawaiian waters since 1997.

Reports of box jellyfish in the Caribbean waters off Bonaire, Netherlands (former Dutch Antilles) recently led her to conduct field research there and she brought some film footage to share. As part of a global phylogeography effort she is currently investigating local box jellyfish species in the waters off Saipan. Yanagihara will present an overview of her research. Interested members of the public are invited, and, as at all APASEEM meetings, questions from everyone is strongly encouraged. (APASEEM)



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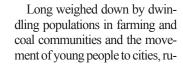
Business

Census: Rural US loses population for first time

WASHINGTON (AP)—Rural America is losing population for the first time ever, largely because of waning interest among

SUBMISSION DATE: JULY 11, 2013

baby boomers in moving to farflung locations for retirement and recreation, according to new census estimates.



ral counties are being hit by sputtering growth in retirement and recreation areas, once residential hot spots for baby boomers.



PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY **CNMI GOVERNMENT**

INVITATION TO BID ITB NO.: ITB13-COTA-130

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JULY 02, 2013

<u> "Janitorial and Cleaning Services for the</u> **COMMONWEALTH OFFICE OF TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

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/S/ THOMAS J. CAMACHO SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION /S/ HERMAN S. SABI AN

The new estimates, as of July 2012, show that would-be retirees are opting to stay put in urban areas near jobs. Recent weakness in the economy means some boomers have less savings than a decade ago to buy a vacation home in the countryside, which often becomes a full-time residence after retirement. Cities are also boosting urban living, a potential draw for boomers who may prefer to age closer to accessible health care.

About 46.2 million people, or 15 percent of the U.S. population, reside in rural counties, which spread across 72 percent of the nation's land area. From 2011 to 2012, those non-metro areas lost more than 40,000 people, a 0.1 percent drop. The Census Bureau reported a minuscule 0.01 percent loss from 2010 to 2011, but that was not considered statistically significant and could be adjusted later.

Rural areas, which include manufacturing and farming as well as scenic retirement spots, have seen substantial movement of residents to urban areas before. But the changes are now coinciding with sharp declines in U.S. birth rates and an aging population, resulting in a firstever annual loss.

U.S. migration data show that older Americans are most inclined to live in rural counties until about age 74, before moving closer to more populated locations. The oldest of the nation's 76 million boomers turn 74 in 2020, meaning the window is closing for that group to help small towns grow.

Public Notice

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY

CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

"STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES, A PROJECT UNDER

THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, OFFICE OF THE

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COPIES OF THE RFP PACKAGE MAY BE OBTAINED. AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY IN LOWER BASE DRIVE, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-SUBMISSION ORIENTATION THIS PROJECT WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, NAVY HILL, SAIPAN AT 10:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME, JUNE 26, 2013.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP ARE DUE AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS, JULY 01, 2013. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SHALL BE SHARED WITH ALL PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS.

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PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY **CNMI GOVERNMENT**

INVITATION TO BID ITB NO.: ITB 13-DPL-128

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: JULY 02, 2013 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

<u>"Annual insurance premiums for the department</u> OF PUBLIC LANDS SAIPAN, TINIAN AND ROTA"

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> /S/ PEDRO A. TENORIO ACTING SECRETARY OF DPL

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN DIRECTOR, P&S



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL MVA-RFP-13-2321

Closing Date: June 21, 2013

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Submit sealed proposals to: The Division of Procurement & Supply P.O. Box 10008 Saipan, MP 96950

Interested parties may pick up the scope of work at the Marianas Visitors Authority office between 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., (closed 12:00 p.m. — 1:00 p.m.) Monday to Friday, except holidays or by visiting the MVA website at <u>www.mymarianas.com</u>. Interested proposers are invited to attend a pre-proposal meeting on Friday May 31, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the MVA conference room in San Jose, Saipan

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Nation

NSA director: Programs disrupted dozens of attacks

WASHINGTON (AP)—The director of the National Security Agency vigorously defended once-secret surveillance programs as an effective tool in keeping America safe, telling Congress on Wednesday that the information collected disrupted dozens of terrorist attacks without offering details.

In his first congressional testimony since revelations about the top-secret operations, Army Gen. Keith Alexander insisted that the public needs to know more about how the programs operate amid increasing unease about rampant government snooping and fears that Americans' civil liberties are to the disruption of terrorist atbeing trampled.

"I do think it's important that we get this right and I want the American people to know that we're trying to be transparent here, protect civil liberties and privacy but also the security of this country," Alexander told a Senate panel.

He described the steps the government takes once it suspects a terrorist organization is about to act—all within the laws approved by Congress and under stringent oversight from the courts. He said the programs led to "disrupting or contributing

tacks," but he did not give details on the terror plots.

Half a world away, Edward Snowden, the former contractor who fled to Hong Kong and leaked documents about the programs, said he would fight any U.S. attempts to extradite him. American law enforcement officials are building a case against him but have yet to bring charges.

"I am not here to hide from justice; I am here to reveal criminality," Snowden said of the surveillance programs in an interview with the South China

Morning Post

In plain-spoken, measured tones, Alexander answered senators' questions in an open session and promised to provide additional information to the Senate Intelligence Committee in closed session on Thursday. The director of national intelligence has declassified information on two thwarted attacks-one in New York, the other in Chicago—and Alexander said he was pressing for more disclosures.

But he also warned that revelations about the secret programs have eroded agency capabilities and, as a result, the U.S. and its allies won't be as safe as they were two weeks ago.

Wishing all dads a very special Father's Day filled with all the things that give you a warm and happy feeling and leave you with bright memories to look back through the years.

New guide for teaching seniors how to avoid fraud

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. regulators have a new guide for teaching older adults how to detect financial scams and avoid being exploited.

The curriculum was developed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and the

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau for instructing groups of seniors and their caregivers. It can be used by employees of financial firms, adult protective service agencies, senior advocate

personnel, the agencies said

ACROSS THE NATION

Midwest pelted with rain. wind. hail. tornadoes

CHICAGO (AP)—A massive line of storms packing hail, lightning and tree-toppling winds rolled through the Midwest Wednesday evening driving people into basements for shelter, tearing down power lines and causing flooding in low-lying areas. Forecasters predicted that by the time the storms were done, they could affect more than one in five Americans from Iowa to Maryland. In the small town of Belmond, Iowa, about 90 miles north of Des Moines, Duwayne Abel, owner of Cattleman's Steaks & Provisions restaurant, said a tornado swept through his business' parking lot and demolished part of the building. No one was in the restaurant at the time.

Pa. girl's double-lung transplant deemed success

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A 10-year-old girl whose efforts to qualify for an organ donation spurred public debate over how organs are allocated underwent a successful doublesevere cystic fibrosis, received new lungs from an adult donor at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, spokeswoman Tracy Simon said. The Murnaghan family said it was "thrilled" to share the news that Sarah was out of surgery. "Her doctors are very pleased with both her progress during the procedure and her prognosis for recovery," the family said in a statement. During double-lung transplants, surgeons must open up the patient's chest. Complications can include rejection of the new lungs and infection.

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20 FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

World

WORLD BRIEFS

Syrian extremist rebels raid Shiite village

BEIRUT (AP)—Syrian rebels, including Sunni extremists, stormed a village and battled pro-regime militiamen, killing more than 60 Shiite fighters and civilians in an attack steeped in the sectarian hatreds that increasingly characterize the civil war, activists said Wednesday. In the raid, which comes at a time when the West is worried that extremists are increasingly joining the rebellion, the victorious fighters raised black Sunni Islamist flags over the eastern village of Hatla. In amateur videos, the fighters some wearing al-Qaida-style headbands—vented anti-Shiite slurs and fired in the air. "The

homes of the infidel Shiites were burned," the voice behind the camera in one video shouted as smoke rose in the background from several houses.

Turkish govt open to referendum to end protests

ISTANBUL (AP)—Turkey's government on Wednesday offered a first concrete gesture aimed at ending nearly two weeks of street protests, proposing a referendum on a development project in Istanbul that triggered demonstrations that have become the biggest challenge to Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's 10-year tenure. Protesters expressed doubts

about the offer, however, and continued to converge in Taksim Square's Gezi Park, epicenter of the anti-government protests that began in Istanbul 13 days ago and spread across the country. At times, police have broken up demonstrations using tear gas, water cannon and rubber bullets. The protests erupted May 31 after a violent police crackdown on a peaceful sit-in by activists objecting to a development project that would replace Gezi Park with a replica Ottoman-era barracks. They then spread to dozens of cities, rallying tens of thousands of people each night.

Crackdown filling NKorean prisons with

defectors

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)— North Korea's prison population has swelled with those caught fleeing the country under a crackdown on defections by young leader Kim Jong Un, according to defectors living in South Korea and researchers who study Pyongyang's notorious network of labor camps and detention centers. Soon after he succeeded his father as North Korean leader, Kim is believed to have tightened security on the country's borders and pressured Pyongyang's neighbor and main ally, China, to repatriate anyone caught on its side of the frontier. In interviews with The Associated Press and accounts collected by human rights groups, North Koreans who have managed to leave the country say those who are caught are sent to brutal facilities where they now number in the thousands. "They are tightening the noose," said Insung Kim, a researcher from the Database Center for North Korean Human Rights who gets to interview most defectors soon after their arrival in South Korea. "This is to set an example to the North Korean people."

Fukushima plant steps closer to fuel-rod removal

OKUMA, Japan (AP)—Damaged vehicles, twisted metal and other debris remain strewn

about Japan's crippled nuclear power plant. Scores of black and gray pipes and hoses cover the ground, part of the makeshift system to pump water into the damaged reactors to keep them from overheating. Plant chief Takeshi Takahashi told journalists on a plant tour Wednesday that workers have cleaned up much of the debris in their work areas, but that the priorities are keeping the plant stable and working toward shutting it down-a process that operator Tokyo Electric Power Co. estimates will take 40 years. "It's a long road, but we will tackle the decommissioning process by paying special attention to safety," he said.



Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands 1 Lower Navy Hill Road Navy Hill, Saipan, MP 96950



Chief Financial Officer

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) is seeking the services of a Chief Financial Officer (CFO). The CFO reports to the Chief Executive Officer and has direct responsibility for receipt of all revenues and payment of funds in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. The CFO shall have at least a master in business administration degree and five years of experience in healthcare finances. The Commonwealth is proposing a two-year contract with a salary range of \$100,000 - \$150,000.

The CHCC is located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), a United States Insular Area comprised of a group of fourteen islands in Micronesia. The CNMI population (approximately 45,000) is located on the three islands of Saipan (40,000); Tinian (2,500); and Rota (2,500).

CHCC is a newly established entity that was created by the Commonwealth Legislature to provide healthcare services in the Northern Mariana Islands. The Commonwealth Healthcare System consists of public health and behavioral services as well as an 86-bed Medicare-certified acute care hospital on the island of Saipan and clinics on both the islands of Tinian and Rota. In FY 2013, the total operating budget of the CHCC is \$31.5M. CHCC is also responsible for public health and behavioral health programs with an operating budget of about \$10M. Additional information on CHCC operations can be obtained at the website chcc.tipg.net

The CHCC is facing significant financial and operational challenges due to its newly established structure, low-income client base, and challenges of providing medical services that comply with United States healthcare standards in a remote isolated area.

Applicants must submit a CHCC employment application in addition to the provision of a resume. Employment applications can be obtained by contacting Ms. Myrna F. Boyer at myrnaf.boyer@gmail.com. Applications will be considered on an on-going basis and should be submitted to:

Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Human Resources Department Attn. Ms. Myrna F. Boyer P.O. Box 500409 CK Saipan, MP 96950

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

by the
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9 (WTR-5)
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Public Notice#: MP-13-W-06
Public Notice Date: June 14, 2013
Comment Period Closes: July 14, 2013

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (USEPA), is issuing a notice of proposed action under the Clean Water Act (CWA). The USEPA is proposing to issue a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit renewal to:

Tasi Tours and Transportation, Inc. P.O. Box 501023 Saipan, MP 96950

The NPDES Permit No. MP0020371 is for the continued discharge of the secondary treated wastewater from Managaha Island Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) located in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The facility serves a population of up to 1,050, receiving only domestic sewage with a design flow of 0.005 million gallons per day. The WWTP provides secondary treatment and consists of an aerated activated sludge process with flocculation, settling and disinfection. Final treated effluent will be discharged from an ocean outfall designated Outfall No. 001 to the marine waters of Tanapag Harbor of the Philippine Sea. Any sampling and monitoring under the proposed permit shall be performed at Outfall No. 001.

The Administrative Record, including the permit application, draft permit, fact sheet, comments received (if any), and other relevant documents sent by the applicant for the permit, is available for review and may be obtained by calling or writing the contact listed below. Interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit during the public comment period to contact listed below. All comments or objections received within 30 days from the date of this notice will be retained and considered in the formulation of the final determinations regarding the permit.

Upon issuance of a final permit decision and response to comments, the USEPA will notify the applicant and persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. If no comments are submitted on the draft permit, the final permit will become effective three (3) days from the date of mailing. If comments are submitted on the draft permit, the final permit will become effective 33 days from the date of mailing, unless a petition is filed with the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) to review any conditions of the final permit. Persons filing a request for review must have filed comments on the draft permit or participated in a public hearing.

When public interest warrants, USEPA may schedule a public hearing or may grant an extension of the comment period for the submittal of comments or objections.

<u>Contact:</u> Linh Tran, (415) 972-3511, <u>Tran.Linh@epamail.epa.gov</u> Website: http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/npdes/pubnotices.html

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Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Pa. man finds reptile near sewer, offers gator aid PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A

Philadelphia man has offered a little gator aid—calling animal control authorities to help rescue a juvenile alligator he found near a sewer grate on his street. Joe Malseed saw the 18-inch reptile this week in the city's Fishtown neighborhood and snapped its photo before calling for help. He says the alligator was in a puddle and appeared to be emerging from a nearby sewer. He says it was docile until a man tried to get a closer look and it hissed. Police took the reptile to the city's Animal Care & Control Team. The reptile has been named Allie-Gator. The animal control team said Wednesday despite the name it hasn't determined the alligator's gender because, "Who's going to do that job?" Allie-Gator will remain with the team until a permanent home is found.

Officials: Woman approaches kids with chain saw

WINFIELD, Mo. (AP)—A Missouri woman is accused of trying to scare children by approaching them with a chain saw while wearing a ski mask. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department says Lynn Marie Herzog of Winfield, Mo., is charged with felony harassment in the Sunday incident. Patricia Manker called the police after she saw Herzog yelling at her son and his friend and walking toward them with the mask and chain saw. According to a probable cause statement, Manker and another neighbor say the 50-yearold woman has also been seen photographing and videotaping neighborhood kids. Herzog is jailed on \$10,000 bond. She doesn't have an attorney.

Texas couple completes bucket list with Maine trip

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP)—A Texas couple has fulfilled a lifelong dream by visiting Maine to watch the state Legislature at work. Seriously. The Portland Press Herald reports that 86-year-old Marcine Webb and his wife, 81-year-old Nita Lou

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR

THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that, pursuant to an

der issued by the Court in this matter on February

, 2013, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest

helow, all of the right and interests of Defendants in ar

square meters, more or less, as more particularly

 Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale is open to the general public (including the Defendant), and will be held on **Friday, July 26**, **2013**, at the hour of **11:15 a.m. at the entrance to the**

Tinian Superior Court, Tinian, CNMI. Registration fo

the auction sale will begin at 11:00 a.m.

2. Change of Terms and Conditions. The

undersigned reserves the right to change the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, before the

auction date and time or at the commencement thereo

and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, will be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

P.O. Box 504340, Saipar Tel: (670) 235-8060

E-mail: michbrel@hotmail.con

Fax: (670) 235-8070

/s/ MICHELINE W. BREL, Auctionee

DATED, this 7th day of June, 2013.

scribed on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 001 T 00.

pidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein

to the following real property:

Lot No. 001 T 54, containing an area of 1,723

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SALE

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P.O. Box 504340

Attorney for Plaintiff

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ANTONIO GUSMAN ADRIANO and MARGARITA FLORES CAMACHO fka

MARGARITA C. ADRIANO.

Webb, were in Augusta last week to complete their quest to visit every state capitol. Maine's was the last one. When House Speaker Mark Eves announced the reason for their visit, the state representatives stood and cheered. The trip for the San Angelo, Texas, couple was a 65th wedding anniversary present from their children. They will reach the milestone in August. They visited No. 49, Juneau, Alaska, five year ago, but then stopped traveling because of Marcine Webb's poor health. He's been feeling better lately. Nita Lou Webb says the people

of Maine are "honest and caring."

Danish supermarket got drugs instead of bananas

COPENHAGEN, Denmark

police believe is cocaine.

(AP)—Drug traffickers back in Colombia must be going bananas over how their shipment ended up at Danish supermarkets and not on the streets. Police say employees at the supermarket chain Coop got a big surprise when they opened banana boxes from the South American country and found about 100 kilograms (220 pounds) of what

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 01-2013

Closing date: June 28, 2013

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following job

Position: (1) Executive Director

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces. and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Failure to provide any of the required documents may result in automatic disqualification. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents is no later than 4:30p.m., Friday, June 28, 2013.

Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions shall be picked up along with the application form during regular working hours at the CPA's Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Saipan International Airport, Arrival Wing. For more information, please contact the CPA Human Resources by email at acmanahane@cpa.gov.mp or by phone at

CPA is an Equal Opportunity Employer and CPA hires those who are legally

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI Chairman, Board of Directors



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Marianas Pacific Dist., Inc. is looking for highly motivated and experienced individuals to work as

Administrative Assistant

- · Good Oral and Written Communications Skills
- Computer literate with proficiency in Microsoft Word, Power Point, Excel and Outlook
- Must be well organized and professional
- Must be detail & deadline oriented
- · Must have knowledge of clerical and administrative procedures and systems such as filing and record keeping
- · Must be able to operate standard office equipment such as
- printers, fax and copier machines Must be able to work Evenings/Overtime if needed
- Must be 18 yrs of age or older

MarPac Dist., Inc Offers competitive salaries commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applications may be picked up and submitted at the MARPAC office located in Gualo Rai Village - Saipan. Deadline of submission is on June 19, 2013.

NO TELEPHONE CALLS PLEASE.

As condition of Employment, MARPAC requires proof of identity and eligibility to work in the CNMI. Police and Court Clearance required.

MARPAC Dist., Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer



EXECUTIVE CHEF

Our Resort is looking for a professional candidate with a solid Executive Chef experience in meeting our high standard of quality for all food preparation, production and control for all the food outlets and banquet facilities; hiring, training, supervision, scheduling and participating in activities of the chef, cooks and all personnel involved in preparing, cooking and presenting food in accordance with productivity standards; cost controls; and forecast needs

As the Executive Chef, the responsibilities include but are not limited to: Long and short term planning and day-to-day operations of the kitchen and

- Collaborating with higher management and other Chefs to develop, recommend and plan menu requirements, serving arrangements and other related details Enforcing and following compliance procedures for sanitation & cleanliness and
- monitoring workstations & staff for adherence to those procedures.
- Providing training to strengthen his/her team's current performance a ing cooks and chefs for proper skills and service
- Recommending the budget and managing food and labor costs within approved budget constraints without affecting quality standards

Qualifications

- Minimum Education: 2 years of Culinary Schooling, Vocational School or Associate's Degree graduate or any combination of education and experience equivalent, that provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities
- Minimum Experience: Five years of experience cooking and preparing food in a high-volume food service facility or in a high volume hospitality environment and at least three years in an Executive Chef or similar role
- · Excellent cooking skills and extensive knowledge of various Cuisine and food handling procedures with regard to public health standards Demonstrated aptitude for the financial aspects of food operation, including the
- successful identification of expense reduction through cost control

 Ability to work flexible hours including nights, weekends, and holidays
- · Excellent communication, organizational, and multitasking skills are a must

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr_frs@fiestasaipan.com. Application Forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the South Wing To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than July 15, 2013. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

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is inviting qualified U.S. world

OPERATIONS CLERK (4)

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Job Summary:
Performs all and/or any combination of following clerical duties requiring knowledge of systems or procedures: operates office machines, such as desktop computers, laptops, typewriter, adding, calculating, and duplicating machines; netre room bookings and room report for bookings into computer and forwards the information to Shanghai office via email and telephone; confirms and reconfirms hotel bookings with Shanghai office; inform Tour Guides of guests bus number assignments; prepare correspondence, bills, statements, receipts, or other documents, copying information from one record to another; photocopies documents, using photocopier; answers correspondence and emails, and prepares mail and email to Shanghai office; obtains travel and hotel accommodations for guests; prepares tour schedules and titlerares; and compiles reports of transactions; obtains confirmation of travel and lodning space and rate information; prepares quests compiles reports of transactions; obtains confirmation of travel and lodging space and rate strictions are compiled to the confirmation of travel and lodging space and rate information; prepares guests tour booklet, copy of tour litinerary, written lodging confirmations and tour suggestions. answers guests and Shanghoffice inquiries concerning tour routes, sightseeing schedules, fares and fees, and accommodations; prepare activity forms for Tour Guides; prepare key envelopes for incoming guests; sorts and files records; copies data and compiles records and reports; finalize guests name list to hotels; make bus reservations; Answers telephone, conveys messages, and runs errands; reply to Shanghai office emails, and perform other related duties assigned or as required.

Qualification Requirements:

Valuation requirements.

High School graduate, GED or equivalent plus 2 months work experience in travel or Tour operation, sales or service based work environment; knowledge and skills in iPlex ERP system; must be able to speak, read, write and understrand Mandarin; excellent communication, organizational, and sales skills preferred; must have word processor and spreadsheet skills, be personable and flexible under pressure, be able to work independently with detailed projects and have an aptitude to learn new skills; must be willing to work full-time, shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends.

TOUR GUIDE SUPERVISORS (3)

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Job Summary:

Supervise and coordinate the activities of tour guides to ensure adherence to quality standards, work goals, deadlines, work schedules, policies, and proper procedures, correcting errors or problems. Assign work schedules in accordance with work requirements to ensure quality and timely delivery of service. Review the work of tour guides; train, evaluate and counsel tour guides in the use and knowledge of service standards, optional tour program, and customer service expectations. Resolve customer complaints or answer customers' questions regarding tours, hotel food and lodging, dining, shopping, other activities, and airport pick-up and drop-off. Provide employees with guidance in handling difficult or complex problems or in resolving escalated complaints or disputes. Implement corporate or departmental policies, procedures, and service standards in conjunction with management. Discuss job performance problems with employees to identify causes and its swer and to work on resolving problems. Train or instruct employees in job duties or company policies or arrange for training to be provided. Evaluate employees' job performance and conformance to regulations and recommend appropriate personnel action. Review records or reports pertaining to tour guides duties and responsibilities activities and other services to verify details, monitor work activities, or evaluate performance. Assist in recruiting, interviewing, and selecting employees. Interpret and communicate company work policies, standards, and procedures to staff. Coordinate activities with other supervisory personnel or with other work units or departments. Angle financial activities with other supervisory personnel or with other work units or departments. Angle financial activities of the unit and provide input into budget planning and preparation processes. Develop or update procedures, policies, or standards to improve staff performance. Make recommendations to management concerning such issues astaffing decisi discharges, and disciplinary measures; gives on-the-job training and coaching; monitors and evaluates performance o tour guides. Consult with managers or other personnel to resolve problems in areas such as equipment performance, output quality, work schedules, work facility, and tour vehicles. Participate in the work of subordinates to facilitate productivity or to overcome difficult aspects of work. Design, implement, or evaluate staff training and developmen programs, customer service initiatives, or performance measurement criteria. Develop work schedules according to budgets, workloads, and/or guests needs. Discuss work problems or grievances with management. Ensure complianc by tour guides of government rules and regulations. Apply customer/guest feedback to service improvement efforts Arrange for necessary maintenance or repair work of facilities and vehicles. Perform other related duties as required or

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High School graduate, GED or equivalent plus two years work experience as a tour guide or two years work experience
in tour operation, sales or service related work; must be able to speak, read, write and understand Mandarin; must have
excellent organizational skills, personable and flexible under pressure; must have a valid driver's license with clean
driving record; must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends: Must be willing to work shifts, evenings,
holidays, and weekends. A highly motivated, organized, outgoing, with excellent communication, oustomer, sales and
leadership skills an advantage. Commission may also be earned once the training period is passed.

TOUR GUIDE MANAGER (1)

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Job Summary:
Manage the day-to-day activities of the tour services department, including formulating policies, reviewing processes, procedures, and systems for efficiency and effectiveness, and making continuous services improvement. Supervise, coordinate, manage, and monitor the work and activities of the tour guides supervisors, tour guides, and other departmental staff. Align department and staff performance in support of organizational goals. Formulate and implement departmental and organizational policies and procedures to maximize staff productivity. Recruit, hire, and discipline subordinate staff. Monitor performance and conduct performance evaluations, address performance deficiencies and implement corrective action as necessary. Ensure quality of services. Identify training needs and staff development resources. Plan and support sales and marketing activities. Assist in the development of strategic plans for operational activity. Interpret and communicate company work policies, standards, and procedures to staff. Implement and manage operational plans. Advance company managements' ability to improve service delivery and accountability through the use of data tracking, and analysis. Establish priorities and process improvement strategies in partnership with other company service departments; ensures compliance with new or revised policies, procedures rules and regulations. company service departments; ensures compliance with new or revised policies, procedures rules and regulations. Develop bugder recommendations, researches and review financial impacts and consequences of proposed recommendations; secures resource allocations or seeks alternative resource solutions for the company tour service operations. Resolves complaint escalations from the Tour Guides Supervisor. Prepare and provide management and statistical reports to management and the executive team and department managers. Resolve technology, facility, and transportation, and other issues that cause disruption to service delivery; manages crises if service delivery is interrupted. Perform other duties as required or as assigned.

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High School graduate, GED or equivalent plus 4 years supervisory work experience in tour operation, or tour service related work and capable; must be able to speak, read, write and understand Mandarin; must have a valid driver's license with clean driving record; must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends; highly motivated, organized outgoing, with excellent communication, customer, sales and leadership skills an advantage.

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT (1)

SEMIOR VICE PRESIDENT (1)
Job Summary:
Direct and coordinate activities relating to supplier/vendor engagement, contract negotiation, and management. Conduct process mapping of tour guides and operations clerks activities. Review policies and procedures and recommend changes. Develop operations manual for tour guides, operations clerk, and van and bus drivers. Prepare destination brochures/branding for the China market and other promotional materials and flyers. Coordinate staff activities relating to hotel room allocation, contract negotiation and management. Participate in formulating and administering company policies and developing long range goals and objectives. Direct and coordinate activities of department or division from which responsibility is delegated to further attainment of goals and objectives. Review analyses of activities, costs, operations, and foreast data to determine department or division progress toward stated goals and objectives. Confer with management officials and other administrative personnel to review achievements and discuss required changes in goals or objectives resulting from current status and conditions. Prepare periodic reports for management, as necessary or requested, to track strategic goal accomplishment. Review performance data that includes financial, sales, and activities and expenditure and overall or requested, to track strategic goal accomplishment. Review performance data that includes financial, sales, and activity reports and spreadsheets, to monitor and measure departmental productivity, goal achievement, and overall effectiveness. Plan, evaluate, and improve the efficiency of business processes and procedures to enhance speed, quality, efficiency, effectiveness, and output. Plan and implement systems that perform the work and fulfill the mission and the goals of the company efficiently and effectively. Perform other related duties as required or as assigned.

Bachelor's degree in business, tourism, marketing, management or related field plus a minimum of six (6) years of responsible leadership experience in management positions, at least three (3) years of which must be as an executive in a travel/tour operations. Knowledge of competing Southeast Asian tourism markets that targets Chinese outbound travel and a solid track record in accomplishing business objectives are an advantage. Must have excellent organizational skills Writing and verbal communications Skills in both English and Japanese preferred: Personable and flexible under pressure; Able to work independently with detailed projects; Must be willing to work evenings, holidays, and weekends

TOUR GUIDES (3) Salary range: Worksite location:

\$5.55 hourly Saipan/Tinian & at all Century Tours, Inc. offices

Job Summary:

Perform all and/or any combination of the following duties: escort individuals or groups on short cruises, sightseeing tours or through places of interest, jungle tours, water sports and other beach activities, shopping, dining, etc.; describe tour points of interest to individuals or groups, and respond to questions; monitor guests' activities in order to ensure compliance with company or tour regulations and safety practices; greet and register visitors, and issue any requirec identification badges and/or safety devices; distribute brochures, show audiovisual presentations, and/or explair company processes and operations at tour sites; and perform other related duties as assigned or as required.

. High School graduate, GED or equivalent plus at least one month work experience in travel or tour operation, sales o

service related work; must be able to speak, read, write and understand Mandarin; must have a valid driver's license with

clean driving record; must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays, and weekends; highly motivated, organized outgoing, with excellent communication, customer, sales and leadership skills an advantage

ROOMS & RESTAURANT RESERVATIONS MANAGER (1)

Manage the day-to-day activities of the Room & Restaurant Reservations Department, including formulating policies, reviewing processes, procedures, and systems for efficiency and effectiveness, and making continuous services improvement. Supervise, coordinate, manage, and monitor the work and activities of the Operations Clerks, Operations Clerk supervisor and other departmental staff. Align department and staff performance in support of organizational goals. Formulate and implement departmental and organizational policies and procedures to maximize staff productivity. Recruit, hire, and discipline subordinate staff. Monitor performance and conduct performance evaluations, address performance deficiencies and implement corrective action as necessary. Ensure quality of services. Identify training needs and staff development resources. Plan and support room bookings and assignment, restaurant bookings and other room and restaurant marketing activities. Assist in the development of strategic plans for operational activity. Interpret and communicate company work policies, standards, and procedures to staff. Implement and manage operational plans, Advance company managements's ability to improve service delivery and accountability through the use of data tracking, and analysis. Establish priorities and process improvement strategies in partnership with other company service departments; ensures compliance with new or revised policies, procedures rules and regulations. Develop budget recommendations, researches and review financial impacts and consequences of proposed recommendations, secures resource allocations or seeks alternative resource solutions for the company tour service operations. Resolves staff & customer complaints. Prepare and provide management and the security team and department managers. Resolve technology, facility, and transportation, and other issues that cause discuption to Manage the day-to-day activities of the Room & Restaurant Reservations Department, including formulating policies and department managers. Resolve technology, facility, and transportation, and other issues that cause disruption to service delivery; manages crises if service delivery is interrupted. Perform other duties as required or as assigned.

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ligh school graduate. GED or equivalent plus a combination equivalent to five years work experience as a tour operation High school graduate, GED or equivalent plus a combination equivalent to tive years work experience as a tour operations supervisor or manager in a tour/travel agency, sales or service related work and capable of performing duties of a manager; must be able to speak, read, write and understand Mandarin; must have excellent organizational skills, personable and flexible under pressure; must have a valid driver's license with clean driving record; must be willing to work shifts, evenings, holidays and weekends; a highly motivated, organized, outgoing, with excellent communication, customer, sales and leadership skills an advantage. Knowledge of Japanese language an advantage.

A pre-employment drug testing will be required. Positions will be filled commensurate with qualification, work experience and ability to perform. Worksite location is on Saipan/Tinian and at all Century Tours, Inc. offices. Applications may be obtained from the Front Office of Century Tours, Inc., located at the Kanoa Resort on Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan while resumes can be emailed to camille.orallo@saipan.travel. All resumes and applications must be submitted to Human Resources at the Century Tours, Inc. Front Office no later than Friday, June 14, 2013. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

> We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply

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Science & Technology

Survey: Many Americans say 'Big Brother' is here

NEW YORK (AP)—There's little wonder why George Orwell's novel "1984" is seeing a resurgence in sales.

More than half of Americans polled in a survey released Thursday said they agreed with the statement "We are really in the era of Big Brother."

The survey from the University of Southern California was conducted last year, before recent revelations of large-scale, secret government surveillance programs. Yet it still found that some 35 percent of respondents agreed that "There is no privacy, get over it."

A growing number of Internet users said they are concerned about the government checking on their online activities, according to the survey. But even more people were worried about businesses doing the same.

USC Annenberg The School's Center for the Digital Future has polled more than 2.000 U.S. households about their Internet and technology use each year, with the exception of 2011, since 1999.

Forty-three percent of Internet users said they are concerned about the government checking what they do online, up from 38 percent in 2010.

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Mark Klein looks through documents while interviewed at his home in Alameda, Calif., Tuesday, June 11, 2013. Before there was Edward Snowden and the leaking of an explosive court document showing widespread government eavesdropping, there was Mark Klein-a San Francisco telecommunications technician who alleged that AT&T was allowing government spies to siphon vast amounts of customer data without

But 57 percent said they were worried about private companies doing the same thingup from 48 percent in the earlier study.

A 2012 survey by the Pew Research Center found that almost

three-quarters of Americans are concerned that businesses are collecting too much information about people like them, while 64 percent had the same worry about the government.

In addition to their views

on privacy, the most recent report also found that 86 percent of Americans are online, up from 82 percent in 2010. That's the highest level in the study's history and further evidence of how central the Internet has become in American's lives, especially in the age of mobile devices.

"We find that people almost

never lose their mobile phone," said Jeff Cole, author of the study and director of the center. "They can drop it in the gutter, have it stolen but leave it on the table at a restaurant—most of us don't even get through the front door before noticing it."

More than half of the Internet users surveyed said they go online using a mobile device, up from a third who said the same thing in 2010. As expected, texting is becoming increasingly important for people of all ages—82 percent of mobile phone users text, up from 62 percent in 2010 and 31 percent in 2007.

Facebook introduces hashtags

NEW YORK (AP)— Facebook is introducing hashtags, the number signs used on Twitter, Instagram and other services to identify topics being discussed and allow users to search for them.

Facebook Inc. said in a blog post Wednesday that users will be able to click a hashtag to see a feed of discussions about a particular topic. For example, typing a number sign in front of "ladygaga" or "sunset" will turn the words into a link that users can click on to find posts about Lady Gaga or sunsets.

Facebook said hashtags are a first step toward making it easier for users to find out what others are discussing. The company is not giving exact details about other tools it might introduce. If Twitter's use of hashtags is any indication, Facebook will likely incorporate them into its advertising business.

"We'll continue to roll out more features in the coming weeks and months, including trending hashtags and deeper insights, that help people discover more of the world's conversations," wrote Greg Lindley, product manager for hashtags, in the post.

The hashtags will conform to users' privacy settings—so putting a hashtag in a post that's only visible to your friends won't make it show up for anyone other than your friends.

Facebook said it will make the clickable hashtags available to users in the coming weeks, beginning on Wednesday. Though hashtags haven't worked on Facebook until now, many people were using them anyway, having grown accustomed to them on Twitter, Instagram and elsewhere.

Using hashtags will help users gain a larger view of what others are talking about, Lindley said.

Watching TV via Internet, Wi-Fi and dish

By STEVE ALEXANDER STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: When you wrote about "Which TV system for the digital age" three weeks ago, you didn't answer all of my questions.

You suggested getting an Internet connection with a download speed of 10 to 15 megabits. Do I really need a connection that fast, and

where can I get it? How fast should a wireless router be to **send streaming TV from the** Any router you can buy today **Internet to a Blu-ray player** will be much faster than your or other device that connects to the TV? Are there any websites about how to hook up a home wireless network for TV?

I use DirecTV, but when it rains I lose the satellite signal and have to use an outdoor antenna to get local channels. Is there a better alternative?—Stephen Steinbrecher, Miami

ANSWER: You don't need a 10- to 15-megabit download speed today, but it will be useful in the future as higher-definition video streaming becomes routine. Today a download speed of 5 megabits will produce good

results. You can get a 5 megabit connection from either the phone company or the cable company; for significantly higher speeds you'll need to use the cable company in most cases.

Netflix offers some advice on how fast your Internet connection should be to stream video at different levels of picture

quality; you can find it on Netflix's website at http://tinyurl.com/ mlgzhvp.

You don't need to worry about the speed of the wireless router. Internet connection, which is the real bottleneck in watching streaming video or downloading movies.

You shouldn't lose your DirecTV signal except during a sizable storm. If you lose the signal every time it rains, your satellite dish isn't aimed properly, which means you aren't getting maximum signal strength.

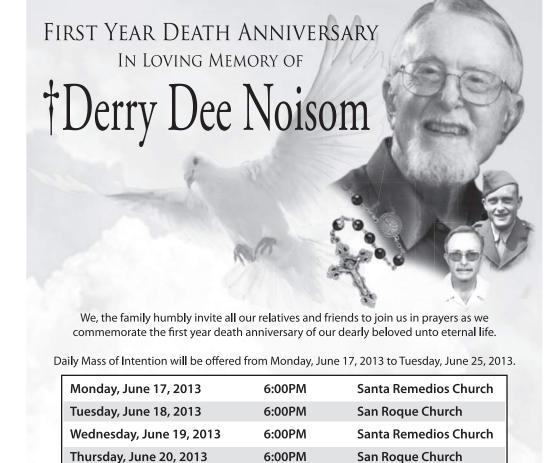
BULK EMAIL SERVIC-ES: Several readers of last week's column said I gave the wrong advice to Dave Sledge, a Louisiana small-business owner who had several hundred emails to his customers blocked by

Yahoo as spam. I suggested he send his email in smaller batches, and perhaps not make them all identical, to avoid being labeled as a spammer. But the readers thought I should have told Sledge to outsource his email efforts to a professional emailing firm.

Chris Levine of Lakeland, Fla., who works for a nonprofit company with a large email list, wrote: "We use a bulk email service to send our emails out. The service charges a nominal fee and guarantees our outgoing email will not be blocked (our emails still appear as if they are coming directly from us). They can do this because they have been certified as bulk email providers and not spammers after meeting a rigorous set of industry standards."

For a comparison of some bulk email providers, see http:// tinyurl.com/vjju4xl. Prices are in the range of \$15 to \$30 a month to send 1,000 emails.

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Your presence thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

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Santa Remedios Church

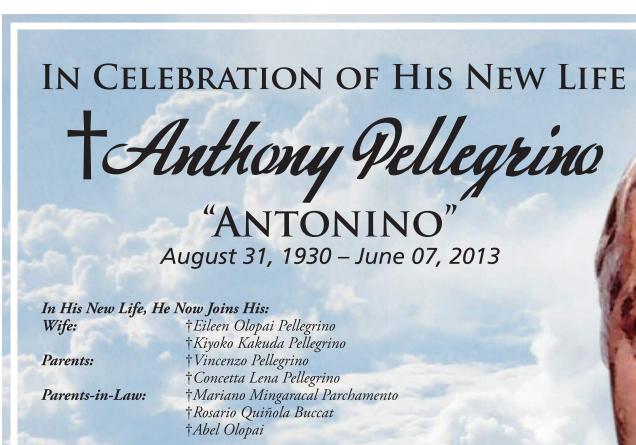
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Carmen Kotomor Olopai, Children and family Norma Jean Schaffer Boyce

He will be greatly missed by numerous friends and relatives.

Daily Mass of Intention is celebrated each morning at 06:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church and Holy Rosary is prayed nightly at 7:00 p.m.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2013.

SCHEDULE

07:30 am - Departure from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel to Kristo Rai Church

07:45 am – Reception Service

08:00 am – Responso Service

08:15 am - Holy Rosary

08:30 am – Visitation/Last Respects

09:00 am - Presentations

09:30 am - Eulogy

10:00 am - Mass of Christian Burial

11:00 am – Interment Services at Sanctuario PAX Memorial Gardens in Kagman where he will begin his peaceful rest.

In lieu of flowers, donations are greatly appreciated. All donations will go to the Northern Marianas Trade Institute (NMTI) founded in 2008 by the late †Anthony Pellegrino. For information, please contact Mr. Vic Cepeda at 483-6684.

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Milagros P. Pellegrino, Children & Family Margaret "Miki" P. Ranjo, Neil Charles Pellegrino, Abel O. Pellegrino, Julian O. Pellegrino & Prunella O. Pellegrino Carmen K. Olopai & Family

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Life & Style

Rare Superman comic book sells for \$175,000



In this file image provided by Metropolis Collectibles/ComicConnect, Corp., shows the front and back cover of "Action Comics No. 1" from 1938, featuring the debut of Superman.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—A rare copy of the comic book featuring Superman's first appearance that went undiscovered for over 70 years in the insulation of a house has sold for \$175,000.

The high bidder for the copy of Action Comics No. 1 in the online auction was a "hard core, golden age comic book collector," Stephen Fishler, CEO of ComicConnect.com, said Tuesday. The buyer's name was not released. Fifty-one offers were

submitted before bidding closed Monday night.

But Fishler said the buyer had been looking for a several months for a lower-grade, unrestored copy of the Man of Steel's debut, rather than a copy in better condition that could have cost well over \$1 million.

Fishler estimates there are only around 100 known copies of Action Comics No. 1, which was published in 1938. He said it's prized not only for its rarity,

but because Superman was the archetype of all comic book superheroes to come.

This copy was found by David Gonzalez among old newspapers in the ceiling insulation of a house he was restoring in the small western Minnesota town of Hoffman.

He accidentally tore the cover when grabbed it and tossed it aside during an argument a few days later with his wife's aunt, which was part of the reason its condition was graded only 1.5 on a 10-point scale used by comic collectors, but he said in an interview last month that he really didn't care much about the money.

Fishler said the book's back-

story was part of why it appealed to the winning bidder.

A pristine Action Comics No. 1 that was graded a 9 fetched \$2.16 million in November 2011, which was the highest price ever paid for a comic book.

New Myspace takes it back to the future

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)—Tim and Chris Vanderhook think Myspace had it right—at one point. And they believe they've revived and improved that formula for success as the revamped first titan of social media debuts its latest incarnation.

The Vanderhooks unveiled the new Myspace.com Wednesday, revealing a site focused on entertainment that combines social networking with streaming music. There are new features aimed at helping musicians, writers and other artists connect with their followers, an app and a radio function.

"Today more than ever there's this need for a creative ecosystem that kind of caters to the creative community and that's both a social network and the streaming services attached," Tim Vanderhook said. "For us



This publicity image released by Myspace shows a screen shot from the newly designed Myspace.com.

when we looked at it, we really talked to a lot of artists and ... they all said, 'I use all these various platforms but none of them really do what we need.' What they really needed, they explained to us, was a home."

The launch comes nearly two years after the Irvine, Califbased Specific Media owners teamed with Justin Timberlake to buy the ailing website for \$35 million, a fraction of the \$560 million News Corp. paid for it in 2005.

The new owners briefed media this week in the run-up to release. Timberlake was not made available, but the company says he provides the strategic vision for the company and was the person behind the idea of focusing on the creative community.

The Vanderhooks believe the previous owners made a mistake when they tried to compete with emerging force Facebook. At its peak, they believe Myspace was driven by a sense of discovery and sharing. Bands, for instance, would post songs, tour schedules and blogs for fans to follow. It was more

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direct than a website and gave users the first true sense of social media's larger possibilities.

"Everyone had a lot of fun on Myspace at one point," Chris Vanderhook said. "It's easy to kick it and say, oh, yeah, Myspace sucks now, but everyone had fun on Myspace before. It's just that they didn't keep pace with technology and they didn't keep up with the times."

The site continues to help those bands (or filmmakers or writers) with analytics that measure fan response and other tools to help them grow.

And by focusing on artists initially, they're gambling fans will soon follow in large numbers.

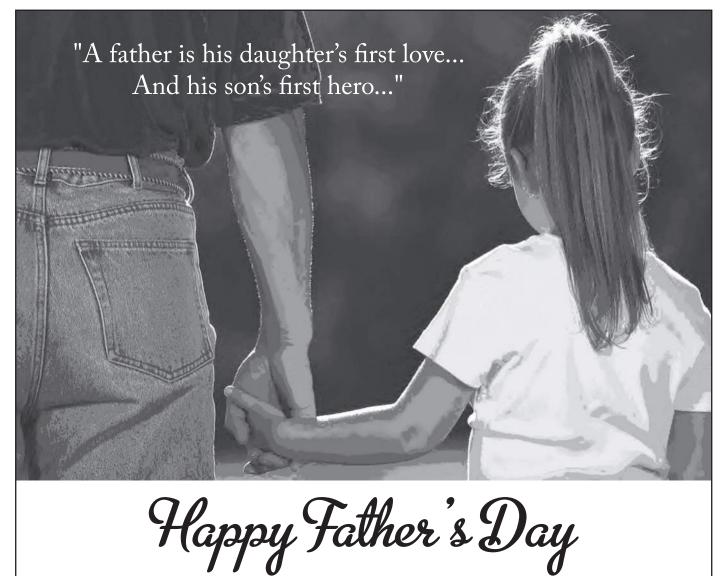
"We think the creative class is about 38 million people in the United States and growing every single day," Tim Vanderhook said. "And by really servicing that group, we think reaching out to one level past that—all of their fans and the creative consumers that like this type of entertainment—we think are going to be critical to our success."

The deal to purchase Myspace drew plenty of attention—partly for Timberlake's involvement and partly for what seemed the foolhardy nature of the venture. Even the Vanderhooks admit Myspace was on a downward spiral that should have ended in the site's demise. But they became infatuated with it in 2008 as they watched it fade and were convinced it could be rescued.

The revamped site debuts at a particularly competitive time, however, with Apple launching iRadio this week and other established brands like Google moving into the streaming field using the subscription model, the radio model or both.

The Vanderhooks don't start from scratch, however. They say the site still has 27 million users in the United States and about twice that worldwide. Those users will be switched to the new site Wednesday and the previous version will disappear.

"Keep playing up the crazy angle so when people actually do decide that we made a good decision, it will serve our ego even bigger," Chris Vanderhook said with a laugh. "To the average person out there they think you're totally nuts, but no, I don't think we're crazy, to be honest."



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Jennifer Lopez: 'We're realizing our power'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Jen- ways going to be my passion," nifer Lopez says Latinos in the United States are starting to realize their power in politics and media, and that makes the timing good for her latest undertaking: Lobbying for greater diversity in TV programming.

entertainer spoke The Wednesday at the Cable Show, a communications convention, ahead of new programming set to launch July 18 on the NU-VOtv network. Lopez serves as chief creative officer of the English-language Latino channel.

"It's an extension of who I am as an artist," she said about her new role in an interview with The Associated Press. "As I grow in this business, I've been in the business close to 20 years now, that creative spark that you have doesn't go away. It keeps growing almost."

Lopez said working behind the scenes is just— if not more— rewarding than performing.

"Singing and acting and dancing and performing live, it's alshe said. "But at the end of the day when you're given the opportunities to be more creative, to create things more from the ground up, to really, really do things like NUVO, which is, really for me empowering a community that means so much to me."

She added, "It feels bigger than me. It feels bigger than just a television show. It's something that can change the world, the face of television, the way people feel about themselves,

how they're inspired, what they aspire to do and to be.'

The actress-singer-dancer said these are exciting times across the board for Latinos.

"There's a big revolution going on, it's like a media and cultural revolution of Latinos here in the United States," she said. "We're realizing our power. We're realizing that we matter here. You know, we're not just,

you know, the guys working behind the scenes in the kitchens and as a plumber. You know what I mean. We really have influence. We're really growing as a community and we've come into a place where we deserve to be considered and served and catered to and that's an exciting

thing for Latinos right now."

Lopez was meeting later Wednesday with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, the National Council of La Raza and Sens. Harry Reid and Bob Menendez.

She said businesses are getting on board too because of the tremendous buying power of Latinos, which is why she is also the creative chief officer of the Viva Movil brand for Verizon. The entertainer is opening a chain of 15 cell phone stores with bilingual staffers starting this month to cater to the Hispanic market.

While Lopez, 43, continues

to undertake creative ventures, she said she will never stop performing.

"It's a new day when it comes to women. Where before, whatever, 20 years ago, you were written off by the time you were 25, oh she's 28, she's so old. We're realizing, the world is realizing that women are not even coming into their own until they're in their 40s, that they have so much to offer. That you can stay in shape, that your life is not over once you have kids and it becomes only about your kids, that to be a great mother, or great parent or great woman in this world you have to be a great individual first, you know what I mean, and that's very empowering and we're all realizing this."

Lopez said many major actresses in Hollywood right now are in their 40s and in the prime of the careers including Jennifer Aniston, Sandra Bullock, Julia Roberts and Halle Berry.

"It's a new day for women, it's a new day for Latinos, it's a new day," she said.

ment to marauding zombies.

'We definitely don't see our-

selves as parodists at all because

we genuinely love these mov-

ies," says Wright. "If anything,

it's exactly the opposite: that

we're almost like frustrated

serious genre filmmakers who

Wright and Pegg's next film,

"The World's End," to be released

Aug. 23, has been lumped into the

trend of comedic apocalypses. In

it, middle-aged friends reunite for

a pub crawl in their home town,

a journey to conclude at a pub

called The World's End. Along

the way, the townspeople are re-

vealed to be robots that take af-

ter '50s and '60s science fiction

can't do it any other way."

Woman is left bewildered by relative's theft of purse

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: Recently, my cousin-in-law, "Carrie," attended a family party. I was happy to see her because I like her and haven't seen her since my wedding in 2011. Carrie has been going through a difficult time because of her mother's death two years ago and her father's remarriage plans.

I know people are prone to do odd things when under stress, but this has me concerned. During



the evening, I went to retrieve an item from my handbag. Carrie was with me, and mentioned she loved my purse and then announced she was "stealing it." I realized it wasn't a joke when she dumped the contents of my bag on the kitchen counter in front of several family members. She then handed me \$10 and put my purse in her car!

I was flabbergasted and didn't know how to react. Although I had mentioned that I bought the bag at a thrift store for less than Carrie gave me, I liked it because it is a vintage item. I don't think a replacement will easily be found.

While I was always excited to see Carrie before, I am now leery of seeing her again for fear of a repeat of what she did. Am I wrong to feel offended? Do I have any hope of getting my purse back?

STUPEFIED IN NEW YORK

DEAR STUPEFIED: Carrie's behavior was outrageous and may indicate that she has emotional problems that should be addressed.

That you would be offended is understandable. That you would be so shocked you didn't immediately object is also understandable. The only hope of getting your purse back would be to pay this woman a visit, return her money and tell her it's time to return it. If you're up to the challenge, she may agree. But don't count on it.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Wayne" for about a year. Everything is wonderful, but my problem is he is stingy when it comes to issuing a compliment. I'll get dressed up—makeup, hair, the whole thing—and ask him what he thinks, and his response is always, "It's OK. You always look beautiful to me, so you don't have to dress up.'

Maybe I shouldn't complain about this, but sometimes I feel Wayne would say I looked good if I were sick and vomiting into a toilet. It's not like I want him to say I look awful; I just want more of a response than what I'm getting. Any ideas on how to approach this?

ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL? IN MINNESOTA

DEAR ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL: Yes. Approach your boyfriend directly. Tell him there is something you need from him that you're not getting—and that is acknowledgment when you make a special effort. Explain that while you're complimented that he thinks you're always beautiful, you feel let down by his reaction. If he cares about your feelings, he may be a little more generous.

DEAR ABBY: How and when do I tell the guy I just started seeing that I have bipolar disorder? I don't want to make him think I'm crazy. On the other hand, I really like him and hope our relationship will grow into something more. I don't want to start it off with a lie.

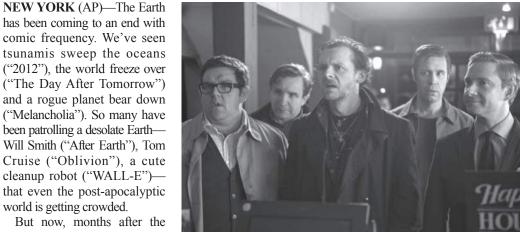
NOT REALLY CRAZY IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR NOT REALLY CRAZY: You shouldn't start off a relationship with a lie. However, health information of any sort is personal, and it need not be revealed until you become friendly enough that there is a reason to know. Once you become good friends, you should disclose any information that is pertinent, including your diagnosis and the fact that it is being managed.

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This film publicity image released by Focus Features shows, from left, Nick Frost as Andy, Eddie Marsan as Peter, Simon Pegg as Gary, Paddy Considine as Steven, and Martin Freeman as Oliver in "The World's End."

world is getting crowded. But now, months after the Mayans predicted the end of the world, comedians are having the last laugh—or at least, a Last Days laugh. Opening Wednesday is Seth Rogen and Evan Goldberg's "This Is the End," in which the rapture arrives in the midst of a Hollywood party at James Franco's house.

"The World's End" is coming in August and earlier this year, there was "It's a Disaster," where nuclear calamity interrupts a New Orleans couples' brunch. Also just out is the farcical "Rapture-Palooza," in which Craig Robinson (a star of "This Is the End") plays the devil incarnate. Last year, "Seeking a Friend for the End of the World," with Steve Carell and Keira Knightley, put a romantic comedy twist on the world's end.

The movies are particularly fitting if you consider that, ultimately, all comedy is laughing in the face of death. If tragedy plus time equals comedy, the End of Days (a fiery demise followed by eternity) supplies plenty for both parts of the equation.

"We always say the worse off the characters are, the funnier it generally is," says Rogen. "And there's no situation much worse than this."

In "This Is the End," easily

the funniest and highest profile release of the bunch, the cast (including Jonah Hill, Danny Mc-Bride and Michael Cera) play warped and exaggerated versions of themselves. When Los Angeles goes up in flames, they bicker selfishly among themselves over dwindling supplies, cattily referring to each other's movies. Cabin fever leads to betrayal.

"We wanted to take the people who were the least prepared to deal with something like this and put them in this situation," says Goldberg, the co-writer with Rogen of "Superbad" and "Pineapple Express." "And the least skilled humans on Earth, arguably, are actors. Seth and I always talk about how he learned how to cook chicken for the movie 'Take This Waltz.' I'd rather be with an electrician or a carpenter or a hunter."

Ironically, comedies like "This Is the End" actually feel more personal than the majority of actual disaster films, where spectacle often dwarfs humans. Todd Berger, writer and director of "It's a Disaster," was inspired to make his film—a social satire of self-obsessed 30-somethings—after talking to his sister, a nurse, about her experience in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina.

"I asked her: 'So was it like a disaster movie?" says Berger. "She was like, 'No. Some people were freaking out, but you can only freak out for so long. Some people eventually started reading magazines.""

Says Berger: "Not everyone is going to respond to a disaster like Sylvester Stallone in 'Daylight."

There are, of course, other movies to satirize the end of the world, most notably Stanley Kubrick's 1964 classic black comedy about Cold War nuclear fallout, "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb."

For many, zombie movies are their own genre separate of apocalyptic films, but Edgar Wright's 2004 comedy "Shaun of the Dead" remains a central touchstone for doomsday laughs. In the film, one revered by Rogen and Goldberg, Simon Pegg stars as a protagonist reacting with British understatelike "Village of the Damned" or "Body Snatchers." "It's this thing of laughing in the face of death," says Wright,

explaining that the refusal of Pegg's character to grow up plays a significant role in their predicament. "He's a character who's trouble for his friends on a social level and also, eventually, on a galactic level."

A similar spirit of both celebrating and contorting genre motivates Goldberg and Rogen. Goldberg recalls an inspirational meeting with screenwriter and eventual "Iron Man 3" director Shane Black to discuss their script for "The Green Hornet," which aimed to be a funnier superhero film.

"He told us: 'You guys take things and you flip it on its head.' We hadn't done it enough with the 'Green Hornet' yet. And he told us we needed to do it more. Shane Black's one of our idols, so we really took it to heart. We realized: This is what we do and do well. We're just attracted to big, crazy things. We love aliens and the end of the world and things exploding. We just like it big."

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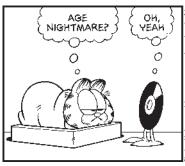
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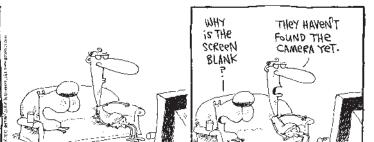
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): A trip or an adventure with friends or family will help you put your life back in perspective. Too much work and not enough play can result in not giving your best. Look at the negatives in your life and make adjustments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get moving. Idle time will be your downfall. Take care of responsibilities at home in order to avoid criticism. Someone you deal with at work or school will capture your interest and your heart. Community events will lead to an interesting proposal. ••

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make plans with friends. Digging into a project that proposes to help others in your community will enhance your reputation but can also lead to being taken advantage of by a slick opportunist. Realize your potential and your value. ••••

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take part in unusual events or research information that will set you apart from any competition you face professionally. Making an abrupt move that will alter your status will not turn out as planned. Sit tight and work on you, not others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The more interest you show in what everyone else is doing, the better prepared you will be to take control and create solutions. Your leadership will improve your position but it may hinder a relationship. Demands will be made $\Omega\Omega\Omega$

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Evaluate your situation. Before you make a move, present an understated assessment of what you plan to do. It's better to hold back some of your intentions. until you are in a better position to avoid interference. Love and romance are highlighted. ���

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Secretive action will give you an edge. Someone you deal with will not be straightforward. You must adjust your roster regarding who is valuable to you and who isn't. Problems at home are likely to overflow into your productivity at work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Change things up a bit. Get out and do something that will motivate you or spark your imagination to come up with new ways to use your talents. Diversification will be key to getting the most for the least. OOOO

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Money matters will surface if you haven't been keeping tabs on your expenditures. Seeking adventure and keeping up with the people you want to play with will be costly if you aren't

realistic. Size down and budget wisely. •• CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put more time and effort into important partnerships. Don't let changes occur that

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will put you in a vulnerable position. Compromise coupled with a strategic plan will help you get past any pitfalls you face. Put love and romance first. **OOOOO**

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By DAVID OUELLET

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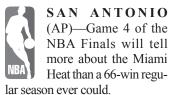
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James: 'Something has to give' in Game 4 of finals



Any questions about LeBron James and the Heat were supposed to have been answered by now. He was too good to be taken out of games, his teammates too talented to go through long stretches where they weren't contributing.

But they didn't resemble the league's reigning powerhouse in Game 3, when the San Antonio Spurs handed them the third-worst beating in finals history in a 113-77 romp. They looked like the confused club from two years ago, when the finals last came to Texas.

Another loss Thursday night and they're on the verge of something much bigger than another finals failure.

Lose this series, and the whole Big Three era might be a

"Something has to give tomorrow night," James said Wednesday. "They have a championship pedigree. They have four (titles). We have two. So something has to give. We'll see what happens. We've been able to bounce back throughout adverse times throughout the season throughout the years that we've been together, these three years. We'll see."

"We'll see" is the approach the Spurs are taking with Tony Parker, who has a mild hamstring strain. The team is calling the All-Star point guard day to day after he was hurt during Game 3 and had an MRI exam Wednesday.

"I want to wait until tomorrow before I make a decision whether he should play or not," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "And obviously a lot of it will have to do with Tony, and what happens to him during the day, and how I think his play will affect our team, whether good or bad."

The Spurs didn't need much from him Tuesday, when Danny Green and Gary Neal combined for 13 of the Spurs' NBA Finalsrecord 16 3-pointers and Kawhi Leonard had 14 points and 12 rebounds, essentially playing James even.

James had his practice jersey hanging over his back like a cape Wednesday, and he knows the Heat need him to be Super on Thursday.

And he insists that what he's going to be.

"As dark as it was last night, can't get no darker than that, especially for me," he said. "So, I guarantee I'll be better tomorrow for sure."

He should, given that his 7-for-21 effort with no free throws was about as bad as the four-time MVP can play. But he came to Miami so he didn't have to do it all, where a partnership with Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh meant his days of having to carry teams were sup-



posed to be over.

But with Wade battling right knee pain for a while and Bosh mired in a slump, there has rarely been the vaunted three-man attack that was expected when they joined up in July 2010.

"If us three don't lead the charge, we're not going to be NBA champions," Wade said. "Our teammates count on us, so we have to step up."

Some of the problem could be fatigue for a team that was forced into some playoff-atmosphere games in the regular season while trying to extend what became a 27-game winning streak, the second-longest in league history. With a huge lead in the standings in March, the Heat could have instead opted to give their veterans some extra rest.

That's what Popovich has always done, essentially sacrificing a couple of lengthy winning streaks in recent years by resting key players when they were still intact.

"There are no right and wrong answers to the way people do things, because it's pretty hard to assess and evaluate,' Popovich said. "Suffice to say, everybody has a different approach to playing time or when to sit or not sit players. And we do it one way, other teams do it differently. There's no one to say one way is right or the other way is right."

But the Heat's way will be second-guessed—just like everything about them is—if they don't pull out this series. There will be calls to break up the Big Three, criticisms of James, and everything else that Tim Duncan and the Spurs never had to deal with in small-market San Antonio.

"I guess if you allow yourself to be affected by it and you allow yourself to look and read everything, then everyone is under a microscope," Duncan said. "As I've said, I don't envy that kind of scrutiny and pressure in any way.'

It's what the Heat signed up when James arrived and guaranteed titles three summers ago, and the pressure became even greater after they flopped the first time with their loss to Dallas at the end of their first season together.

The Heat looked so vulnerable then, but seeing them as bewildered as they were Wednesday was stunning. James too often seemed to linger around the perimeter, an old habit reappearing when it seemed he'd put it aside for good and wouldn't allow himself to settle for jumpers anymore when he could go into the post instead.

Part of the reason is the Spurs, with a solid defensive game plan and a versatile defender in Leonard who can apply it. But the Heat also realized another problem was simply their own effort—or lack thereof—in going for rebounds and loose balls.

"We just collectively played a very bad basketball game last night. And that was everybody, including the staff. It was hard to really judge anything and evaluate anything from that game," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "That's why after the film session, all we're focused on is how we prepare the next 24 hours to have our best game of the series tomorrow night."

Game 4 is where the Heat started to lose control of the series against Dallas two years ago, but they know it's where they have to regain it this time. They haven't lost two in a row in five months, and this isn't the time for that to end.

Nets hire Jason Kidd as coach

Kidd as their coach Wednesday, bringing the former star back to the franchise he led to its greatest NBA success.

Kidd retired earlier this month after one season with the New York Knicks, his 19th in the NBA. The Nets decided to hire him to replace P.J. Carlesimo despite his absence of coaching experience.

"Jason Kidd has a long and legendary history with the Nets and with the city of New York," Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov said in a statement. "He has the fire in the belly we need, and has achieved as a player everything the Brooklyn Nets are striving to achieve. We believe he will lead us there. Welcome home, Jason."

The move reunites Kidd with the franchise he led to consecutive NBA Finals in 2002-03, when they played in New Jersey. He spent 6 1/2 seasons with the Nets, averaging 14.6 points, 9.1 assists and 7.2

The Brooklyn Nets hired Jason rebounds, and is their career leader in numerous statistical categories.

> "Jason is a proven winner and leader with an incredible wealth of basketball knowledge and experience," general manager Billy King said. "This will be a natural transition for him to move into the role of head coach, as he embodies the tough, smart and team-first mentality that we are trying to establish in Brooklyn."

> Terms of the deal that made Kidd the 18th coach in franchise history were not disclosed. The Nets will introduce Kidd on Thursday during a press conference at Barclays Center.

> Carlesimo wasn't retained after leading the Nets into the playoffs, where they lost to the Chicago Bulls in the first round. He went 35-19 after replacing Avery Johnson, who was fired in December.

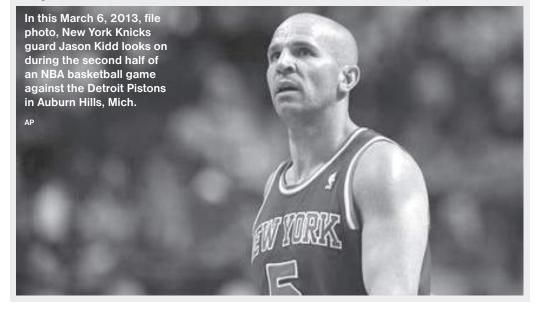
> The 40-year-old Kidd was considered one of the smartest

players in the NBA, which he believes will help him make the transition into coaching.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to be named head coach of the Brooklyn Nets, and it's a role I have been studying for over the course of my playing days," Kidd said. "Championship teams are built on being prepared, playing unselfishly and being held accountable, and that's how I expect to coach this basketball team."

The Nets interviewed him this week and chose him as their coach after talking with Indiana Pacers assistant Brian Shaw earlier Wednesday.

Kidd has a close friendship with Nets point guard Deron Williams and the respect of many in the organization for his achievements as a player. He is second on the NBA's career list in assists and steals, won an NBA title with Dallas and has two Olympic gold medals. (AP)



Aceves, Nava key Red Sox win over Rays



BURG, Florida (AP)—Al-

fredo Aceves threw six solid innings, Daniel Nava homered and the AL East-leading Boston Red Sox beat the Tampa Bay Ravs 2-1 on Wednesday night.

Aceves (3-1), recalled before the game from Triple-A Pawtucket, allowed one run, four hits and four walks. This is the right-hander's third stint with the Red Sox this season.

Nava put the Red Sox up 2-0 on a third-inning, two-run homer off Chris Archer (1-2), who gave up two runs, four hits, four walks and struck out seven over four innings. The Rays right-hander exuberantly left the mound after striking out Nava with the bases loaded to end the fourth.

Indians 5, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Jason Kipnis had a home run among his three hits and Cleveland got a seriesclinching victory over Texas.

A night after ending an eightgame losing streak, and a span of 12 straight losses away from home, the Indians earned consecutive victories to clinch their first road series in a month. They had gone 0-4-1 in series since taking two of three May 10-12 at Detroit, the only American League team with a better home record than Texas this season.

Angels 9, Orioles 5

In Baltimore, Erick Aybar hit a

Pujols homered during a six-run seventh inning, helping Los Angeles beat Baltimore to stop a four-game losing streak.

Hank Conger homered, Pujols had three hits and Howie Kendrick contributed two doubles to help the Angels avert a three-game sweep and put a positive finish on a 2-4 trip that began in Boston.

Chris Davis hit his major league-leading 21st homer for Baltimore off Jerome Williams (5-2), ending a 1-for-17 skid with his first home run and RBI since June 2.

Royals 3, Tigers 2, 10 innings

In Kansas City, Mo., Lorenzo Cain hit a tying, two-run homer off Jose Valverde with two outs in the ninth and Eric Hosmer had a winning single in the 10th as Kansas City overcame Justin Verlander's seven scoreless innings in a victory over Detroit.

Verlander did not allow a batter past first base, giving up three singles, striking out eight and walking two in a 117-pitch outing, his second-highest total this season.

Astros 6, Mariners 1

In Seattle, Houston rallied to score six runs off closer Tom Wilhelmsen in the ninth inning and beat Seattle, snapping a six-game losing streak and giving the Astros their first victory

bases-loaded triple and Albert this season when trailing after eight innings.

Trailing 1-0, Jason Castro and J.D. Martinez led off with a pair of singles and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt from Carlos Corporan. After an intentional walk of Carlos Pena, Chris Carter doubled off the wall in left field to score a pair and give the Astros their first lead of the game. Another intentional walk loaded the bases again and brought the hook for Wilhelmsen (0-2), who blew his fourth save in his last nine tries.

Athletics 5, Yankees 2

In Oakland, Calif., Brandon Moss hit a two-run homer and a solo shot for his third career twohomer game, and Oakland beat New York for its 10th consecutive home victory.

Moss' power stroke helped Dan Straily (4-2) win his third straight decision.

Moss hit his 10th homer in the second inning and 11th with a solo drive in the eighth. He also connected twice April 29 against the Angels. Of his five hits over 40 at-bats in his last 19 games, all are home runs.

Twins 4. Phillies 3

In Minneapolis, Clete Thomas had a career-high four hits for Minnesota and came home on a wild pitch for the go-ahead run in the eighth inning, sending Philadelphia to its fifth straight loss.

Thomas went 4 for 4 with

two RBI doubles. He drove in Oswaldo Arcia both times, including in the eighth when his drive off the tall wall in right field against Antonio Bastardo (2-2) tied the game.

Pirates 12, Giants 8

In Pittsburgh, Starling Marte had a career-high four hits and scored four times, and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the San Francisco Giants.

Neil Walker and Alex Presley homered for Pittsburgh. Jordy Mercer, Andrew McCutchen and Gaby Sanchez had three hits each as the Pirates set season highs for runs and hits.

Francisco Liriano (5-2) got through six erratic innings for the win.

Diamondbacks 8. **Dodgers 6, 12 innings**

In Los Angeles, Martin Prado hit an RBI double during a four-run 12th inning to help Arizona beat Los Angeles.

There was no repeat of the brawl that occurred in the seventh inning of the Dodgers' 5-3 victory a night earlier, when six players and coaches were ejected. No batters were hit by pitches this time.

Prado put the Diamondbacks ahead 5-4 with a ground-rule double off Ronald Belisario (3-5), charged with four runs and three hits in two-thirds of an inning. He walked two and didn't retire any of the four batters he

faced in the 12th.

Padres 5, Braves 3

In San Diego, Edinson Volquez struck out a seasonhigh nine in seven innings, rebounding from the worst start of his career to help San Diego to a three-game sweep of NL East-leading Atlanta.

Chris Denorfia hit a two-run homer for the Padres, who swept the Braves in San Diego for the first time since May 2005. The Braves were swept for just the second time this season.

Everth Cabrera got his major leaue-leading 30th stolen base ahead of Denorfia's homer.

Reds 2, Cubs 1

In Chicago, Mike Leake combined with Aroldis Chapman on a three-hitter and Todd Frazier hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning against Travis Wood, leading Cincinnati to a record 12th straight victory at Wrigley Field.

Leake (6-3) allowed Nate Schierholtz's second-inning homer but won for the fourth time in five decisions. Chapman struck out two in a perfect ninth for his 17th save in 19 chances.

Mets 5, Cardinals 1

In New York, Dillon Gee had his third straight stellar start, Lucas Duda hit one of three Mets homers and New York scored the most runs allowed by St. Louis rookie Shelby Miller in his young career.

David Wright and Marlon Byrd also connected for the

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Mets, who snapped a threegame skid and improved to 2-6 in June. Duda drove in two runs, including a first-inning single that scored Daniel Murphy from first base.

With prized pitching prospect Zack Wheeler nearing his promotion to the big leagues, Gee (5-6) has done everything possible to protect his spot in the rotation. The right-hander has yielded only three earned runs over 21 innings in his past three starts — all wins.

Brewers 10, Marlins 1

In Miami, Carlos Gomez had four hits, including two triples, and Jonathan Lucroy drove in four runs to lead Milwaukee over Miami.

Gomez also drove in three runs and scored three times. Jean Segura homered for the Brewers, who have won five of six.

Alfredo Figaro (1-0) pitched seven scoreless innings to earn his first victory since Sept. 26, 2009, at the Chicago White Sox. He retired 16 in a row at one point and struck out four.

Nationals 5, Rockies 1

In Denver, Ross Ohlendorf pitched six strong innings in his Washington debut and Ian Desmond drove in three runs against Colorado.

The win was the Nationals' third in their last 12 road games.

Recalled earlier in the day from Triple-A Syracuse, Ohlendorf (1-0) allowed one run and two hits in his first start since last Aug. 17 with San Diego against San Francisco.



Espana, Curate stay in contention

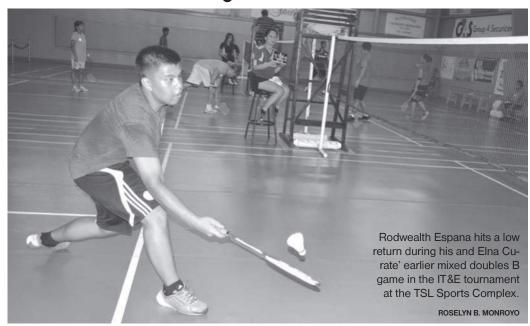
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The pair of Rodwealth

Espana and Elna Curate remained in the hunt for a playoff spot in the mixed doubles B after pulling off an upset over siblings Janelle and Jordan Pangilinan last Sunday in the 2013 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament at the TSL Sports Complex.

Espana and Curate slipped past the Pangilinans in three games, 21-19, 12-21, 21-10, to improve to a 3-1 record in Pool B. Janelle and Jordan fell to a 4-2 record and failed to sweep their three matches in Week 3 after winning last Fri-



day and Saturday.

6-0, in Pool C.

The victory over the Pan-

gilinans allowed Curate and Espana to bounce back from a

0-21, 9-21 loss their suffered at the hands of pool leader Windy

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With Tan and Lee on top of their respective pools with one game left, they already gained semis slots. Malika Miyawaki is likely to notch the third semis ticket, as she is also undefeated after four games in Pool B. Miyawaki downed Garcia, 6-0, 6-0, and Skilling, 6-0,6-0, yesterday and will battle the top spot with Tan today.

The fourth and final semis berth could go to Grace Choi, who holds a 2-1 record and a win over Mimi Sakano yesterday would put the former in the Final Four.

In the boys U12, which is divided into four groups, the CNMI had already secured three of the eight playoff berths and is expected to notch a few more.

Michael Lee leads Pool A with his 2-0 record and was

connected on four triples and

finished the first 10 minutes of

play with 16 points. Three other

DFS players added at least two

baskets apiece to help build the

Facing a huge deficit, Mobil

spent the last three quarters of

the semis match trying to catch

double-digit advantage.

DFS

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favored to earn a sweep in his game against Guam's Aaron Abrams yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club tennis courts. Robbie Schorr was also set to play at PIC yesterday versus winless Kyle Ehrenreich of Guam and has already gained entry to the next round after beating fellow CNMI player Tony Kim, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3, and Haruya Eda, 6-0,

Vincent Tudela was the third CNMI bet to notch a quarterfinal berth, as he is ahead in Pool D with a 2-0 mark and was scheduled to battle FSM's Joab Williams (2-0) for the top spot yesterday.

In the U15 division, Negahr Rastguiy is a win away from sweeping Pool A and getting the No. 1 spot in her group after thumping Guam's Kanasta Abrams, 6-0, 6-0, and fellow CNMI netter Julia Ishikawa, 6-2, 6-0, yesterday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Staying close to Rastguiy is rival Ayana Rengiil of Palau, as the latter holds a 3-0 record, pending her fourth game against Abrams yesterday.

In Pool B, Tammy Ackerman is likely to join Rastguiy and Rengiil after gaining her third win in as many games versus Angelysa Ulloa yesterday, 6-0, 6-0. Ackerman was playing her fourth match against Emily Jones at press time. Jones won her morning match against FSM's Sunshein Palik, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, while Isabel Heras (3-0) prevailed in an all-CNMI game against Ami Tsukagoshi, 6-0, 6-1.

In the boys U15, which had four pools, Colin Ramsey finished second in Pool B with his 2-1 victory to advance to the quarterfinals. Also earning quarterfinals berth were Moris Villanueva and Chris Cajigan, who own 2-0 slates, pending results of their last pool match yesterday.

Thea Minor and Mikayla Lo-

pez are also undefeated in the girls U18. Minor improved to a 2-0 record after shutting out Guam's Alyssa Bristol yesterday, 6-0, 6-0, while Lopez holds the same perfect slate, following a 6-1, 6-1 triumph over FSM's Amanda Hawkins. Seven players are entered in the girls U18 and only the Top 4 will march into the playoffs after the singleelimination competition.

The boys U18 implements pool play with Amami Sakano and Jake Lee likely to barge into the semis as they remained undefeated in three games. Sakano notched his third win versus FSM's Bryan Esau in Pool A match, 6-0, 6-0, while Lee trounced another FSM bet, David Panuelo, 6-0, 6-1, to earn a clean record in Pool B. Tommy Choi (2-1) is in Pool A and is likely to join Sakano in the semis after beating Guam's Joshua Cepeda yesterday, 6-2, 5-7, 6-1.

points for a 59-48, before the Hoops connected on back-toback triples to stay afloat, 54-59. However, the Hoops ran out of time, as only 17.5 seconds were left and it was forced to give up fouls, while Dollar Days cashed in from the stripe, nailing four charities to peg the final score.

Meanwhile, winner-take-all finale between Dollar Days and DFS is set for tomorrow at 7pm.

First Game

Dollar Days 63 - Demapan 14, Talania 14, Abuel 11, I. Devero 11, Bernardo 7, Pantaleon 3, C. Devero 2.

PSS/Hoopaholics 54 – Itibus 23. Fitial 11. Manibusan 6. Lauron 4, Diaz 4, Tenorio, Lee 2,

Scoring by quarters: 14-7, 28-20, 48-39, 63-54.

Second Game

DFS Galleria 93 - Esdrelon 22, Barcinas 18, Guiab 14, Chariton 14, Lizama 14, Dikito 9, Libuw 2.

Mobil 75 – Rabauliman 29, Estolas 23, Ruluked 12, Gapor 9, Galzote 2.

Scoring by quarters: 33-13, 48-32, 68-52, 93-75.

Fernandez and Chris Hilario.

In other mixed doubles results, Malou Malasarte and Glenn Bluutjents downed Alma Ortega and Gary Bandoja in class A, 21-19, 21-15, while the latter pair recovered against Hilario and Toshiko Obata, 21-17, 21-16.

In another mixed doubles A match, the youthful tandem of Jen Savellano and Andreau Galvez thwarted Hannah Choi and Oh Im Bog. Savellano and Galvez dropped the opening game, 19-21, but swept the last two to grab the win, 21-18, 21-18.

Savellano also won her Shen, 21-15, 21-10.

mixed doubles B assignment, as she teamed up with Kanata Omori in defeating Merlie Tolentino and Mr. Park, 21-18, 21-18. Loida Ito and Celso Agui handed Tolentino and Park back-to-back losses after notching a 21-12, 21-8 victory. Ito and Agui were 2-0 last Sunday as they took a free win (via forfeiture) over Cris Obaldo and Matansu Omori, who were also a no-show in their match against Jen Cardinio and Ezekiel Macario.

Meanwhile, only one singles game was played last Sunday with Galvez beating Daniel

Nick Sablan tops SGA May ace



Veteran golfer Nick Sablan won the Saipan Golfers Association May Ace

of the Month Tournament after edging Frances Sablan in a tiebreak last May 17 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort east course.

Both Nick and Frances Sa-

after two handicap holes, the former came out smelling like a rose to win the monthly tourney.

The win was deservingly so for Nick Sablan as he shot an all-time best 3-under par 69 gross. Frances

Sablan settled for second place, while SGA president Jung Eun Teack came in third with a net score of 67.

Sablan

The Top 3 players were recognized along with the winners for the closest-to-the-pin competition. Nick Sablan took holes No. 4 and 15, former Superior Court presiding judge Ed Manibusan won hole No. 6 and Steve Balakrishna cleaned house with hole No. 11 and swept the longest drive contests in holes No. 3 and 12.

With the victory in the May ace, Nick Sablan joins April ace Ray Dela Cruz, March ace Steve Balakrishna, February ace blan netted identical 65s, but James Whang, and January ace

> Edward Sablan for SGA's season-ending club championship.

The June Ace of the Month Tournament, meanwhile, is scheduled for this Saturday, June 15, at Coral Ocean Point. Show time is at

10am with a tee time of 11am. All SGA members are encouraged to confirm your participation via email, texting, or calling one of the SGA officers or the tournament director. Father's Day and awards banquet will follow at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan Beach-

side. (Saipan Tribune)

HIGH-FIVE

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team's gunners.

Pangelinan top-scored for Hi-Five with his 33 points. His guns were blazing in the first period, as he connected on five triples and logged 19 points to lift Hi-Five to a 24-20 lead. Pangelinan cooled off in the second period, while Brandon Talania began to hit his target and moved Wawawindz within two at the break, 43-45. Talania recorded three triples and 12 points in the second canto.

However, Wawawindz failed 45-43, 79-53, 100-71.

to sustain its momentum in the second half, while High-Five shooters took over with Muleta opening the third with back-toback triples and Pangelinan later dropping two shots from downtown, too to set up High-Five's easy win.

High-Five 100 - Pangelinan 33, Muleta 18, Esdrelon 11, McCain 8, Aaron 6, Peters 6, Babauta 5, Wesley 4, Matagolai 4, Acosta 2.

Wawawindz 71 – Talania 23, Gapor 8, Camacho 8, Capalad 8, Paraiso 7, Itaas 6, Montes 4.

Scoring by quarters: 24-20,

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division W L Pct GB

Boston	41	26	.612	_
New York	37	28	.569	3
Baltimore	37	29	.561	3 1/2
Tampa Bay	35	30	.538	5
Toronto	28	36	.438	11 1/

Central Division

Detroit	36	28	.563	_
Cleveland	32	33	.492	4 1/2
Kansas City	30	33	.476	5 1/2
Minnesota	29	33	.468	6
Chicago	28	35	444	7 1/2

West Division

Oakland	40	27	.597	_
Texas	38	27	.585	1
Seattle	29	38	.433	11
Los Angeles	28	38	.424	11 1/
Houston	23	44	.343	17

NATIONAL LEAGUE **East Division**

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Central Division

St. Louis	42	23	.646	_
Cincinnati	40	26	.606	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	39	26	.600	3
Milwaukee	27	38	.415	15
Chicago	25	38	.397	16

West Division 36 29 .554

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Colorado	35	31	.530	1 1/2
San Francisco	33	31	.516	2 1/2
San Diego	32	34	.485	4 1/2
os Angeles	28	36	.438	7 1/2

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

up and it attempted repeated rallies without key players Pando Muleta (injured) and Ron Gamboa (off-island). As if its depleted lineup and limited offensive options were not enough problems, some "questionable" calls entering the final canto. from the referees got Mobil even more frustrated. One came in the second canto

when Roland Libayan was called for a foul while jockeying for position in the rebound play against Junar Guiab with Mobil just down by 8, 32-40. After the infraction, DFS had an 8-0 windup to bring the lead back into twin digits at the break, 48-32.

Mobil sliced the lead to single digit again, 48-57, past the halfway mark of the third canto

behind the 6 straight points of Marvin Rabauliman. Mobil then had a chance to move closer after a DFS miss, but Rabauliman was called for an offensive foul first before dropping a pass to his teammate on a fastbreak play. Mobil coach Marvin Deocares argued Rabauliman tried to avoid the DFS defender with his side step move and the defense was not established yet, however referee Robert Tamondong stood by with his earlier call.

The Mobil infraction shifted momentum back to DFS with Lawrence Dikito leading another short 11-4 run to give the defending champion a 68-52 advantage,

Mobil then made one final push, cutting the once 20-point lead to 9, 80-71, but a baseline jumper from Junar Guiab ended the rally and DFS had the finals berth in the bag going into the last two minutes with its 15-point advantage.

The defending champion built an early lead and protected it, as they moved the ball well from the key and almost always found the open man, either at the paint or outside for short jumpers and triples. DFS converted 9 triples. Mobil got three treys from Jun Estolas and none from Zachary Babauta, who missed all his seven shots from downtown.

In the first semis game, Dollar Days also ran a patient offense and had a better start to beat PSS/Hoopaholics.

The defensive-type of game favored Dollar Days, as it held the Hoops to 7 points in the opening canto for a 14-7 lead and increased the advantage to eight at the break, 28-20.

The Hoops managed to move within two, 30-32, in the first five minutes of the third period, but Dollar Days kept its good ball movement, resulting to a couple of open shots underneath to up its lead to 9, 48-39.

Fatigue then caught up with both teams in the fourth quarter, as Dollar Days was stuck to 54 points and committed successive turnovers. However, the Hoops failed to convert those errors into points with Mel Manibusan missing two pointblank shots and Kevin Fitial and Maverick Itibus also muffing one attempt each.

Dollar Days then ended the drought with a string of five SAIPAN TRIBUNE FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013 **31**

2013 DLX Invitational Basketball League

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GHD's J.P. Villanueva pulls up for a jumper against a Yuichiro defender during a regular season game in the 2013 DLX Invitational Basketball League at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.



Yuchiro's Sheen Metran grabs the ball from Freestyle's Celio Bisana.



Freestyle's Melvin Cadiang goes up for an off-balanced shot.



The Sexy Boys'Herbert Maranan drives to the baseline against Migs/King's defenders.



The Sexy Boys' Ralph Francisco challenges the defense of a Migs/King's player.



Freestyle's D.J. Ong pulls up for a long jumper.



San Roque's Angelo Fernano goes up for a shot.



Migs/Kings' Jaymark Mendoza slips past his defender for a basket in the paint



Lyn's Heat's Roy Hernandez goes for a finger roll against Migs/King's Bryle Alegre.



Flip Top's Reynald Cabaltica pulls up for a jumper against two Adobo defenders.





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CNMI jr. players continue dominance

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

he CNMI junior players kept their stride in Day 2 of the 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships.



In the girls U12 singles, Carol Lee and Tania Tan remained undefeated. Lee leads Pool A with her 4-0 record after notching two more wins yesterday at the American Memorial Park tennis courts. The favored Lee blanked fellow CNMI player Grace Choi and Federated States of Mi-

cronesia's Tilda Tollenoa for her fourth straight victory via shutout. Tania Tan also gained similar 6-0, 6-0, wins over Catherine Atalig and FSM's Isabel Garcia for a tie for Pool B lead. Tan duplicated Lee's feat, as she also did not give up a single point to her foes last Monday, whipping FSM's Anne Skilling and fellow CNMI netter Asia Raulerson.

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DFS Galleria's Dan Barcinas goes for a reverse layup after eluding the defense of Mobil's Jun Estolas during the third quarter of their semis game in the Shirley's caging last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Defending champion DFS Galleria is back in the

finals and will put its title on the line against Dollar Days.

Dollar Days took the first finals berth in the 4th Shirley's Coffee Shop Basketball League after outclassing PSS/Hoopaholics,

while DFS earned its second straight championship game appearance after routing Mobil, 93-75, last Wednesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

DFS had a jackrabbit start, taking a big 20-point lead at the end of the first period, 33-13, and never relinquished the driver's seat from thereon. Elmer Esdrelon anchored DFS' offense at the get-go, as he

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Emily Jones stretches for a return against Tammy Ackerman in an all-CNM girls U15 match in the 2013 North Pacific Regional Championships yesterday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan tennis courts.

High-Five eases past Wawawindz in Masters finals

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



High-Five coasted to a 100-71 title win against Wawawindz in

the 30A division of the 2013 Masters Basketball League last Sunday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

A big third-quarter push helped High-Five dominate Wawawindz in the second half en route to the 29-point victory in the winner-take-all finals.

High-Five exploded for 34 points in the third period, while Wawawindz was held to 10 points. Pando Muleta drilled two triples and scored 12 points in the third canto breakaway. Edgar Pangelinan also nailed two treys and added 10 points in the pivotal quarter, while 6'10" center Ken McCain chipped in 6, as Hi-Five took a commanding 79-53 lead.

Before its third-quarter attack, High-Five was only on



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Members and supporters of High-Five pose for a photo after winning the 30A division title in the Masters caging against Wawawindz last Sunday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

top by a deuce at the break, 45-43. However, the game slowly slipped away from Wawawindz's hands at the start of the second half with only Melvin

Capalad making more than from every player it fielded one field goal in the third canto meltdown.

Hi-Five kept it going in the fourth canto, as it got points

in the game and Wawawindz failed to make defensive stops to limit the opposing See HIGH-FIVE on Page 30